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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A QUESTION OF AGENDA

EAST-WEST negotiations for a "summit" meeting have now shifted from problems of preparatory methods to the question of agenda and representation following the statement by the American Secretary of State, Mr. Foster Dulles, that he does not consider a preliminary Foreign Ministers' conference in essential.

The announcement clearly removes a major obstacle to a meeting of heads of government as it is likely that France can now be brought around to the Anglo-American point of view.

Willingness

BUT without some Soviet willingness to broaden the scope of the talks to include topics proposed by the other Western governments, the preliminary exchanges, however conducted, remain likely to run into deadlock.

A further important topic for preliminary exchanges is the question of which states would attend a top-level meeting.

Here the "Big Four" (Britain, the United States, France and Russia) have not yet taken up firm positions, but possible difficulties remain over the question of China—and in a wider conference—East Germany.

But the common desire by Russia and the West to halt the arms race is the key to agreement at the proposed talks.

Danger

THE danger is that the agenda for the talks might become so long as to be unwieldy or so short as to be meaningless.

That the heads of government would have to meet in genuine privacy, and eschew propaganda speeches addressed to the world at large, is the first essential.

The second is that they must not be content with simply breaking the ice, but must complete agreement on some subject, however limited.

Familiar Topics

ON all the familiar topics of disarmament, nuclear control, Germany, Eastern Europe—and even on the newly fashionable topic of disengagement the positions of the two sides appear to be as divided as ever.

Perhaps the search for limited agreement is best approached from a different angle. The common ground between Russia and the West is that modern armaments are appallingly dangerous.

It seems certain that both sides would welcome the chance to divert money from armaments, for the sake of their own people, and because of the competition in aid to underdeveloped countries in which they are all engaged.

Sudan's Complaint To Be Heard

New York, Feb. 21. The United Nations Security Council will meet at 2000 hours GMT today on the Sudanese complaint of Egypt's claim on two zones of its territory, it was announced last night.

Egypt has announced plans to extend into the two border areas tomorrow a plebiscite which will be held throughout Egypt and Syria for election of a new United Arab Republic.

Armed Conflict

The Sudanese Foreign Minister, Mohammed A. Mahboub, warned today that his country would take military action if Egypt went through with the plan.

ARAB LEAGUE

Khartoum, Feb. 20. Sudan has called for an immediate meeting of the Arab League to consider its complaint that Egyptian troops are concentrating on the Sudanese border, official sources revealed tonight.

The sources said the Government instructed its Ambassador to Cairo, Yusef Attia, to lodge the complaint with the Secretary-General of the Arab League. — United Press.

The Sudanese Ambassador, Yusef Attia, submitting the request for an emergency Security Council meeting to the UN Secretary-General, Dag Hammarskjöld, said Sudan was determined to defend its sovereignty as a result of "this breach of the peace" which, he said, it not controlled "may develop into armed conflict."

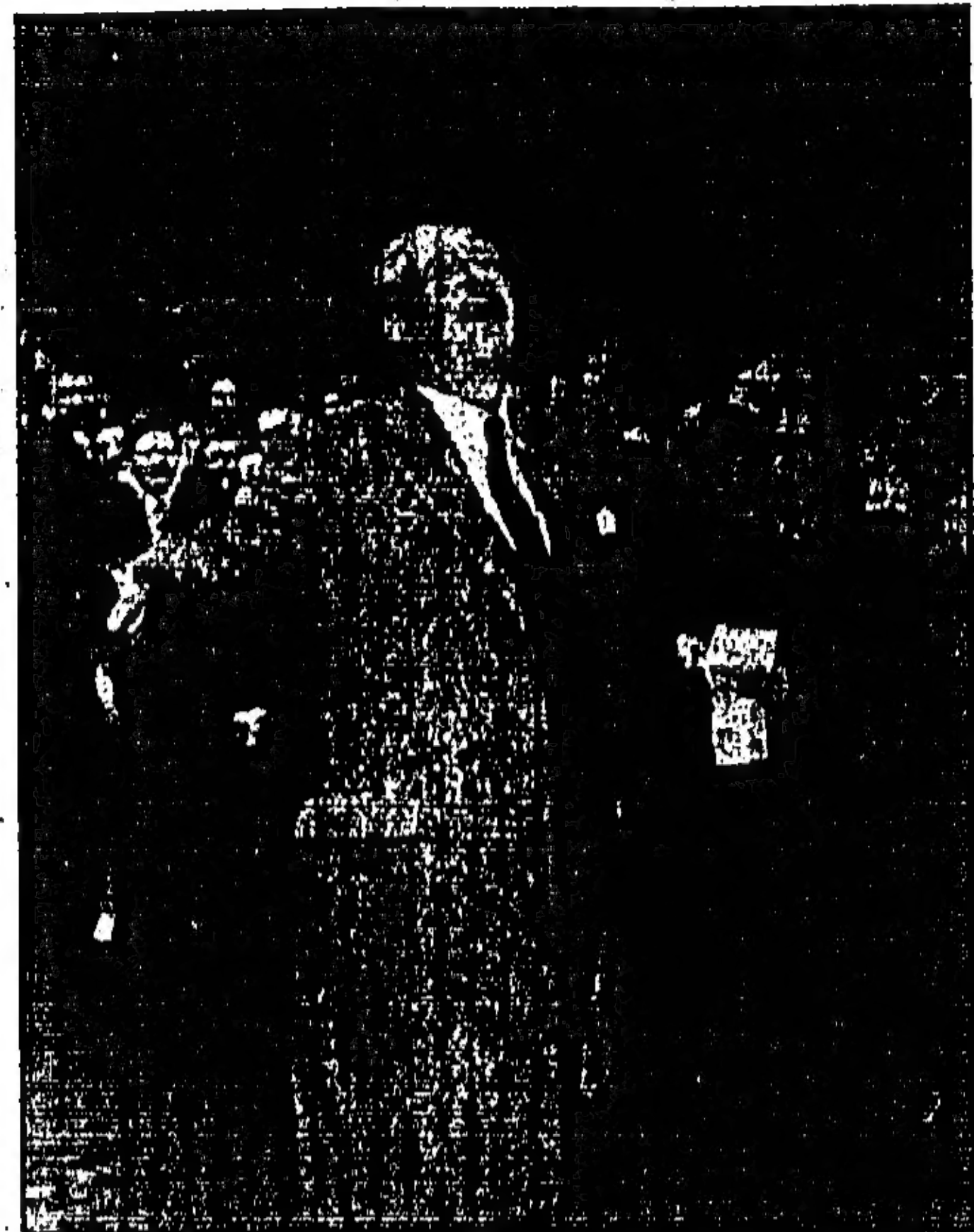
It was reported today in Khartoum, the Sudanese capital, that Egypt was moving up troops along the Egyptian-Sudan border in the area of the two disputed zones, creating a dangerous tension.

Concentration

Mr. Osman submitted to Mr. Hammarskjöld a note from the Sudanese Premier, Abdullah Khalil, the text of which was issued early today in Khartoum. It asked the Council "to meet immediately and use its good offices to stop the impending Egyptian aggression."

Mr. Osman, adding a voice for himself in the meeting, requested an "urgent meeting" of the Council to "discuss the grave situation existing on the Sudan-Egyptian border, resulting from the massed concentrations of Egyptian troops moving toward the Sudanese frontiers." — Reuter and United Press.

CONSERVATIVES WIN SWEEPING APPROVAL



Mr. Harold Macmillan, the British Prime Minister, acknowledging the greetings of members of the Young Conservatives Victoria Branch at No. 10 Downing Street last week when he returned home after his Commonwealth tour.—Keynote.

COMMONS ENDORSES FOREIGN POLICY

London, Feb. 20. Prime Minister Harold Macmillan won a sweeping Parliamentary endorsement tonight for his policy calling for new summit talks with the Russians, but only after sufficient preparation to offer fair chances of success.

The House of Commons wound up a two-day foreign affairs debate with a 308 to 242 vote in favour of the Conservative Government.

The vote—a technical one calling for the adjournment of the House—was demanded by Labour to voice its disapproval of the Government's foreign policy.

Reiterated

The Prime Minister, in a closing speech winding up the debate, reiterated the statement he made yesterday that he favours a new summit meeting.

But he flatly rejected insistent Labour opposition demands that a date should be fixed immediately.

"To do this unilaterally on my part tonight would seem to be an act of folly," the Prime Minister declared. "I can think of no more certain way of killing the summit conference."

He cautioned against a more propaganda success in a new meeting with the Russians. But he said if the conference is carefully prepared "it might obtain some modest advance."

"Then, however small the advance, an immense change would come," he predicted. "Because there would be always the possibility of moving on to some further steps." — United Press.

Franco-Tunisian Crisis Deteriorating

Tunis, Feb. 20. The Tunisian Government told the British and American Ambassadors here today that the Franco-Tunisian crisis was worsening.

Britain and the United States have offered their good offices to help settle the dispute.

A Tunisian Foreign Ministry spokesman said the Foreign Minister, M. Sadok Mokkadem, warned the British Ambassador, Mr. Angus Malcolm, and the United States Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Jones, of the seriousness of last night's incidents at Tlemcen, the extreme south of Tunisia, where three local officials were reported to have been kidnapped by French troops and held until this morning.

Violation

Mr. Mokkadem said it was a violation of international law. The French say that a jeep blew up on a mine at the aerodrome at Remada, seriously wounding two French soldiers, and the officials were brought into the camp for questioning.

The Tunisian Foreign Ministry spokesman said M. Mokkadem asked the British and American Ambassadors to tell their Governments of the deterioration in Franco-Tunisian relations and the worsening situation in Tunisia.

Defiance

M. Mokkadem said the French Government was displaying an attitude of "systematic defiance" despite the "supreme" attitude of the Tunisian Government.

The Tunisians have agreed to permit food supplies to French troops blockaded in their camps for nearly a fortnight, and have allowed General Antoine Gambiez, the French Commander in Tunisia, to move about freely.

Tunisian Government representatives flew to Remada today to inquire into the incident there. French sources reported that General Gambiez, Commander of French forces in the south of Tunisia, had also gone to make an on-the-spot investigation. — Reuter.

New Union

Damascus, Feb. 20. Saudi Arabia is attempting to form a third Arab Union on a federal basis in conjunction with Kuwait and Bahrain, the independent daily newspaper "Sawt Sharq" reported today.

The new union would control about 75 per cent of the Middle East oil. — United Press.

ATLAS BLOWS UP AGAIN

Cape Canaveral, Feb. 20. An Atlas Intercontinental Ballistic Missile was launched here today and it disappeared in a ball of fire about 30 seconds after it left the launching pad. Unofficial observers said it appeared to have blown up.

The Atlas roared skywards for about 30 seconds, before curving slowly towards the east, leaving a vapour trail in its wake.

Two minutes later observers saw a huge ball of fire and the missile could no longer be seen.

TWO MINUTES

The Air Force officially confirmed that the Atlas blew up two minutes after leaving the launching pad.

A short announcement said the missile completed the powered phase of its flight and blew up seconds after entering its ballistic coasting trajectory.

The announcement did not give any reason for the explosion.

The Atlas launched today was the missile that had failed last Saturday. — Reuter.

Footballer Dies

Munich, Feb. 21. Duncan Edwards, Manchester United footballer injured in the Munich air crash a fortnight ago died in hospital here early today. — Reuter.

USN PLANE VANISHES

London, Feb. 20. A US Navy Constellation patrol plane carrying up to 25 men vanished on a mid-Atlantic flight today and Air Rescue units launched an immediate search over the Atlantic.

The big four-engine aircraft, military version of the Constellation airliner, took off from the Azores, Newfoundland, Air Station at midnight.

It failed to return tonight from a round-trip patrol mission.

US Air Force search planes took off at dusk from Prestwick, Scotland and Lajes Air Force Base in the Azores. Other search craft were reported alerted as far away as Tripoli, Libya. — United Press.

Bank Loan

Cairo, Feb. 20. The World Bank President, Eugene Black, will arrive in Cairo next month to discuss the possibility of a bank loan to improve the operations of the Suez Canal. It was learned today. — United Press.

Seattle, Feb. 20. Dave Beck, Sr., once head of the powerful Teamsters Union, was today sentenced to 15 years imprisonment for misappropriating \$1,500 of union money.

His son, Dave Beck, Jr., was fined \$2,000 and his sentence

deferred for misappropriating \$4,500 of Teamsters' money. Beck Sr. will not necessarily serve 15 years.

That is the maximum mandatory under Washington state law. But a minimum term will be set by the state board of prison terms and parole. He was convicted last Decem-

200 Dead In Triple Mine Disaster PIT SEALED DOOMING 182 MINERS

Calcutta, Feb. 20. One of the worst mining disasters in Indian history came to its tragic end at dawn today when mining engineers made the decision to seal off a pit dooming 182 trapped miners.

Celebes Army To Aid Padang

Singapore, Feb. 20. Two "crack" battalions from the north and south Celebes army under their commander, Lt-Col D.J. Somba, are standing by to proceed to the aid of the revolutionary government in Central Sumatra, should there be an attack from the Djakarta Government. Radio Padang reported tonight.

The broadcast quoted a message from Somba saying that the battalions were well-trained and fully equipped and were prepared to leave at a moment's notice.

DISMISSED

Today's report follows that on Tuesday that Somba would side with the revolutionary republic, that was set up in Padang last weekend.

After Somba had made this statement himself, he was dismissed from his army post and ordered to be arrested by the Djakarta authorities.

The radio later broadcast a message from the revolutionary government's Defence Minister, Burhanudin Harahap, to Colonel Somba, telling him: "Do not attack first unless compelled to" and at the same time thanking him for his offer of reinforcements to the Padang government. — France-Press.

DJUANDA'S CABINET MEETS

Djakarta, Feb. 20. The Indonesian Cabinet met in special session tonight for the second time this week, presumably to discuss the Sumatra proclamation of a Revolutionary government.

No communiqué was issued after the meeting but Information Minister Sudibyo told newsmen that President Soekarno would deliver a message on Friday morning when he formally resumes his duties as Chief of State.

Soekarno met earlier today with former Vice-President Mohammed Hatta and then took up the evening discussions with Premier Djanda, Foreign Minister Subandrio and Army Chief Maj-Gen. Nuri. Also present were First Deputy Premier Nardi and Third Deputy Premier Lelmana. — United Press.

Korean Cabinet

Seoul, Feb. 20. The South Korean President Dr. Syngman Rhee tonight called the Korean cabinet into an extraordinary session to discuss the Chinese proposal to withdraw their troops from North Korea by the end of 1958. — Reuter.



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Churchill Needs Oxygen?

London, Feb. 20. A consignment of oxygen equipment will be flown to Nice early tomorrow aboard a British European Airways Dakota freighter, it was learned tonight.

The equipment, which is believed to include an oxygen tent, is reported to have been called for personally by Lord Moran, Sir Winston Churchill's physician.

An official of the manufacturers, Oxycenaire Limited, said tonight that the equipment was merely one of their regular three-monthly routine consignments.

OPTIMISTIC

London, Feb. 20. Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, has received a "very optimistic" telegram from Sir Winston Churchill, it was announced at the Prime Minister's residence, 10 Downing Street, this evening.

Churchill's telegram was in reply to a message cabled to him last night by Macmillan, wishing him an early recovery from his present illness. — France-Press.

"I do not know what the equipment is and I do not know to whom it is consigned," he added.

A technical representative of the firm is travelling to Nice with the equipment.

A closed van brought the equipment to the Airport late tonight and drove straight into the freight shed BEA freight officials said they were under orders not to discuss the consignment.

Representatives of the manufacturers declined to give details of the consignment. "We are under orders from Downing Street. We cannot say any more," said a representative.

Arrangements were being made to clear the equipment through customs and stow it aboard the twin-engined Nice-bound Dakota. — Reuter.

In Your Saturday Mail

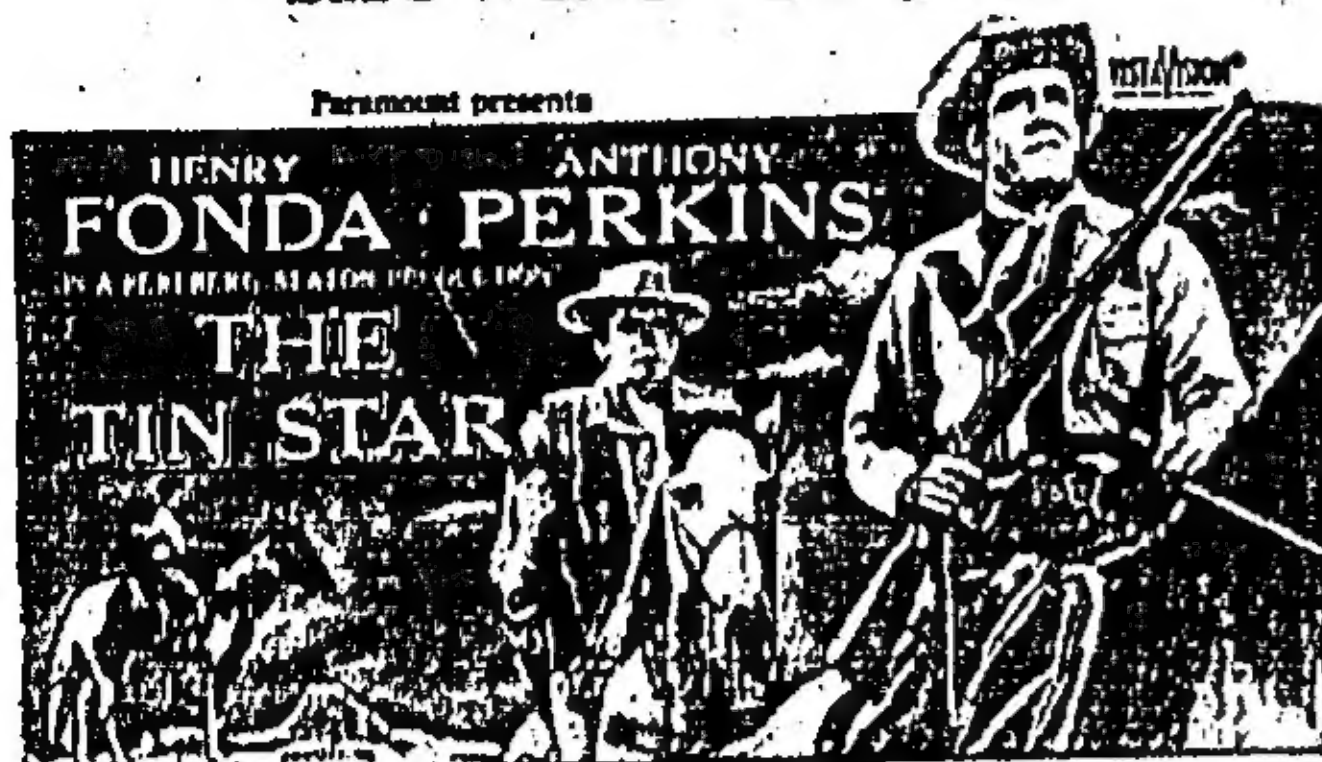
In tomorrow's weekend China Mail:

- ★ Hongkong is threatened with "Massive Retaliation" for trademark piracy by Hongkong firms—by **ROBIN HUTCHESON**;
- ★ The last days of Shanghai—by **JOHN LUFF**;
- ★ Fuchs and Hillary set out on the final stage—China Mail Special;
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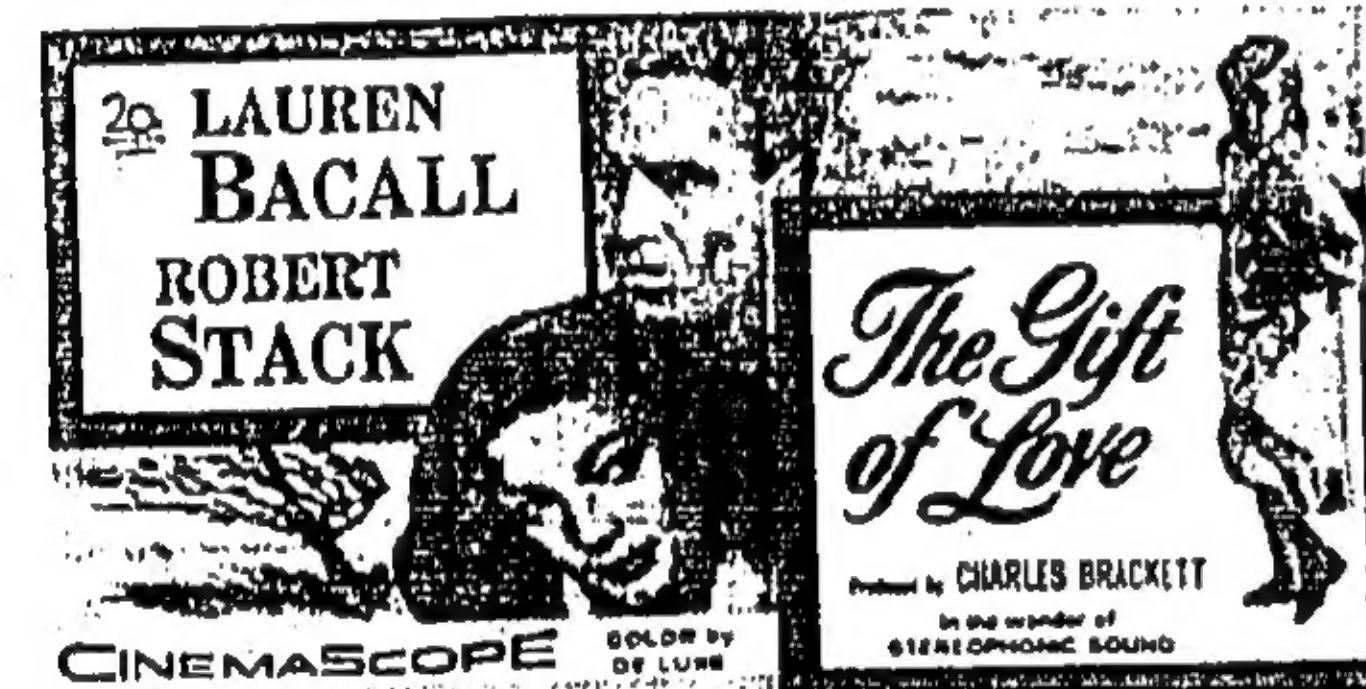
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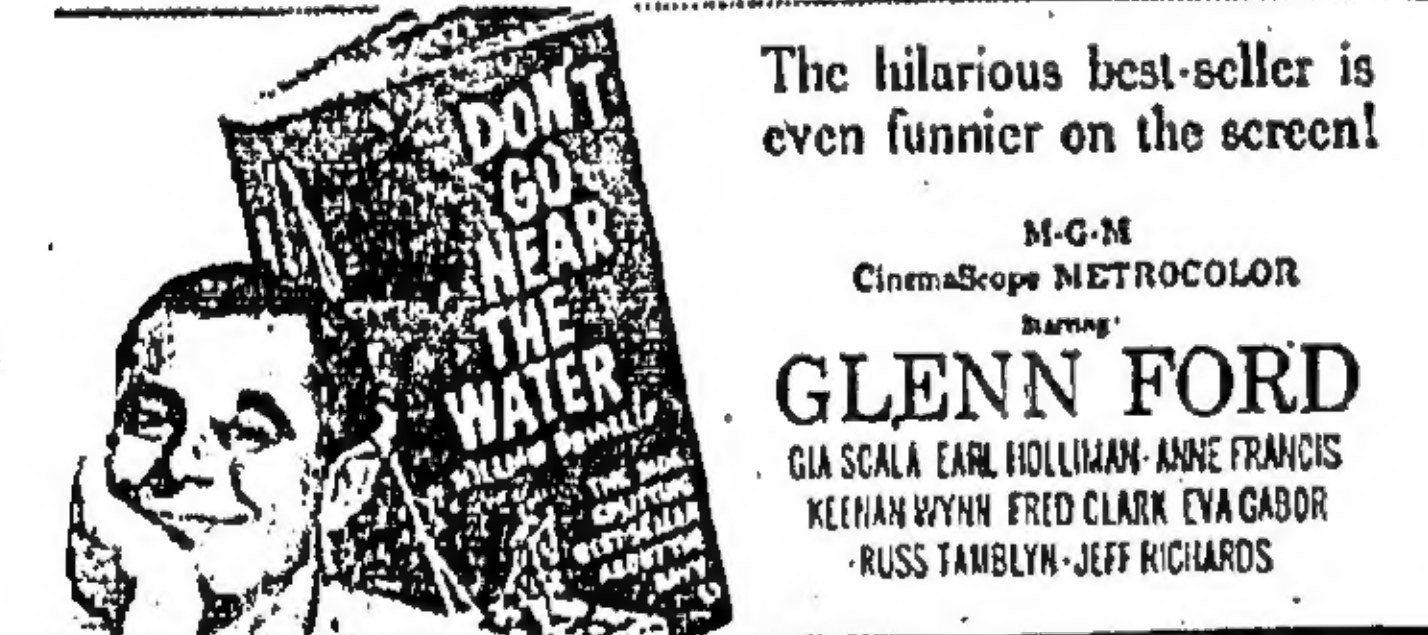
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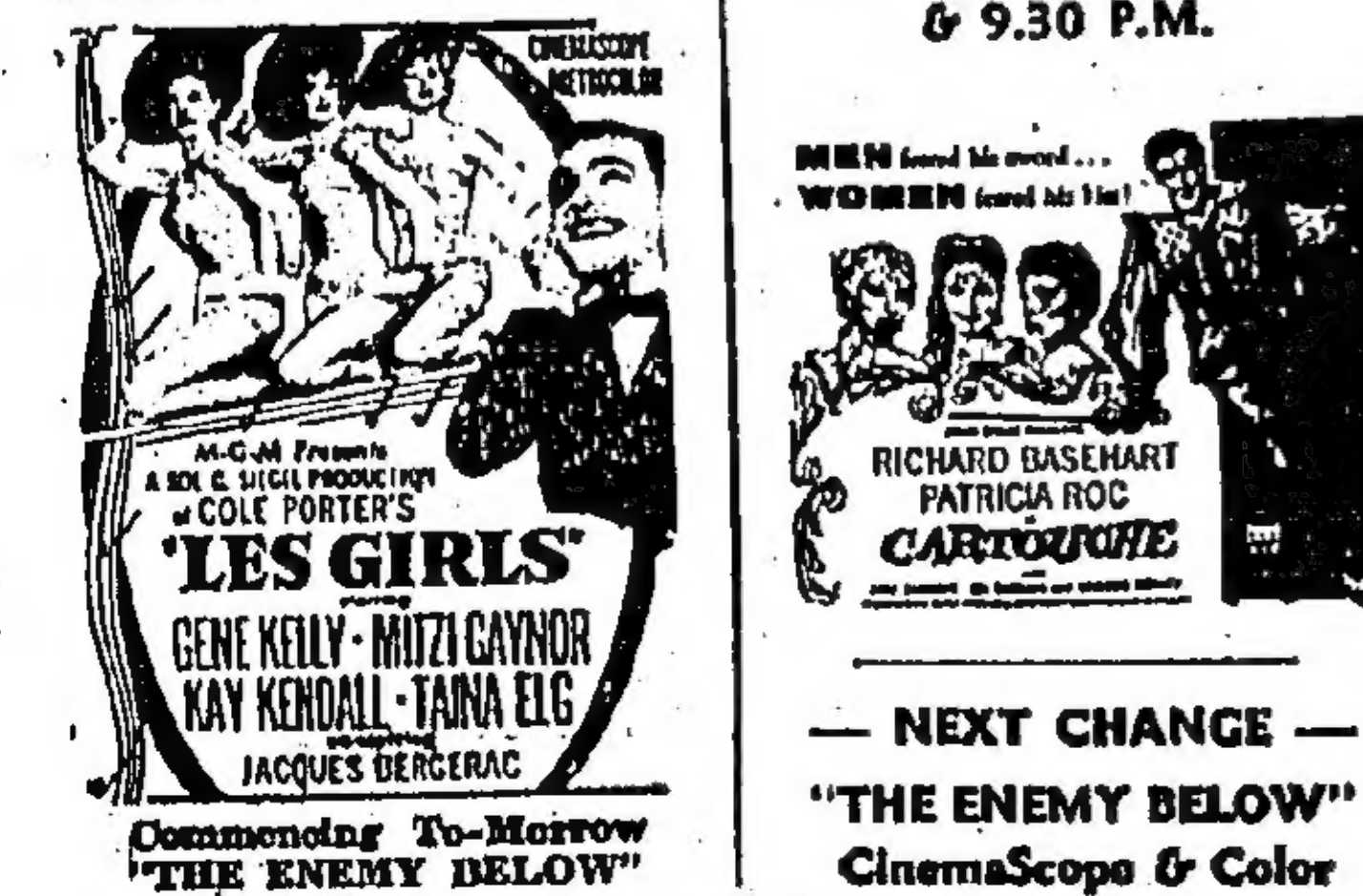
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KOREA: A SHARP US RETORT TO PEKING

Washington, Feb. 20.

The State Department spokesman said today that the Chinese Communists could protest until they were blue in the face, but the fact remained that they, and not the United Nations or the United States were the aggressors in Korea.

The spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, made this comment when questioned for the second day on China's announcement that it would withdraw all its troops from North Korea by the end of the year.

The State Department yesterday called on China to follow its announced troop withdrawal by an agreement to achieve the unification of North and South Korea through free elections under United Nations supervision.

Mr. White was asked today if United Nations troops, the majority of whom are U.S. troops, would be withdrawn from South Korea after such elections had been held.

Conceivable

Mr. White replied that if the elections were held, and if the situation was such that the United Nations forces would not be required in South Korea, a complete withdrawal would be "conceivable," but he would not say anything more about possible future events.

Mr. White also said that the United States would not accept a Chinese proposal that a body of neutral nations should supervise elections in Korea. He said the United States stood by U.N. resolutions which called for free, unfettered elections under United Nations supervision.—Reuter.

In Case The President Falls Ill

Washington, Feb. 20.

A House of Representatives subcommittee today approved a Bill providing that a Vice President should decide when to assume temporarily the duties of a disabled President.

Under the proposed Bill, a commission composed largely of senior Congressional members would make recommendations to the Vice President, but the commission's finding would not be binding on him. The Republican Administration has contended that a constitutional amendment is needed to state how to determine when a President is disabled, therefore it appears that if Congress passes the proposed Bill it will be vetoed by President Eisenhower.—Reuter.

SHIPWRECKED MEN TELL OF DRAMA

"We were almost too weak to signal"

Norfolk, Feb. 20.

Two Italian seamen who clung to an overturned lifeboat for 16 hours in the raging Atlantic after abandoning their sinking ship on Tuesday said today they were almost too weak to signal when a rescue vessel hove into sight.

Chief Officer Albo Cardillo, 31, of Trieste, and machinist Giuseppe Valentini, 35, of Mole Dehuri, arrived here today aboard the Navy destroyer escort Lester, praising a heroic New Jersey sailor and the radio operator of their ill-fated vessel, the ore ship *Donline*, which went down after springing a leak 180 miles east of Cape Lookout, North Carolina.

Cardillo and Valentini said they "never gave up hope." They were in hospital here suffering from shock. Cardillo also suffered a bruised shoulder. Twenty-one bodies of their shipmates were recovered and a 22nd was still missing and presumed dead. Three other survivors were aboard the cargo-passenger ship *President Adams* bound for Cristobal, Panama. Cardillo blamed the sinking on the shifting of part of the

10,000 tons of manganese ore which ripped a six-foot slit in the *Donline's* side, causing a bad leak in one of her holds.—United Press.

IRA "Chief Of Staff" Interviewed On TV

London, Feb. 20.

A MYSTERY man described as "Chief of Staff of the Irish Republican Army" appeared in an Independent television programme here tonight—but his face was not seen by viewers. The Irish Republican army is an outlawed organisation pledged to fight until Northern Ireland is united with the Irish Republic.

After films of I.R.A. destruction had been shown on tonight's programme, the "Chief of Staff" was asked how he could justify such activities.

He replied: "Force is the only means left to us. We are fighting in defence of a republican government."

Viewers were told that an investigation had proved the man, who spoke with a strong Irish brogue, to be genuine.

The "Chief of Staff" asked for his organisation's final objective, declared: "That we shall overthrow you or die."

The interview was filmed last year.—China Mail Special.

Soviets Sure Of Summit Talks

Moscow, Feb. 20.
Soviet Foreign Ministry Press Chief Leonid Ilyichov said today he is certain a summit conference will take place.

Asked at a Foreign Ministry press conference whether the Soviet government considers a summit conference can be prepared through diplomatic channels he said: "There is no doubt a summit conference will be held."

Western observers at once interpreted Ilyichov's remarks as indicating that as far as the Soviet government was concerned diplomatic channels were the best place to prepare for a summit conference.

KHRUSHCHEV

There was nothing in Ilyichov's statement to indicate they were being used.

Ilyichov cited Party Secretary Nikita Khrushchev's recent remark in an interview with the London Times that "A summit conference will certainly take place."

"As far as the Soviet government is concerned," he said, "we state long ago our willingness to participate in such a conference to discuss all outstanding problems step by step."—United Press.

'Very Fruitful' Expedition To S. Pole

Manila, Feb. 20.
An Australian scientific expedition, fresh from a journey to Antarctica, reported today a "very fruitful" expedition to the snow-covered sub-continent.

Sir Hubert Wilkins, who spent five months with a combined U.S. Navy and International Geophysical Year team at the South Pole, arrived in Manila today for a short stop-over en route to Boston.

Sir Hubert said his ninth trip to the Antarctic region had "very fruitful" results in that he found new geographical, geological and meteorological data of military and scientific value.—United Press.

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CABLE BRIEFS

San Leandro, Feb. 20. Franklin E. Jarvis, a convicted San Francisco murderer who escaped from a prison camp, had an intriguing story for authorities who recaptured him here less than 24 hours later.

Jarvis, 55, said the reason he fled was that officials had refused to give him much support for his feet, and he said the reason he got as far as San Leandro from the Southern Prison Camp was that he obtained directions from a San Francisco police officer—United Press.

Los Angeles, Feb. 20. Officials of the Union Rescue Mission, a Skid Row refuge, suffered a severe strain on their faith in human nature when a man telephoned an offer of a couple of ducks. Their faith stood the test, though, because he followed through with two delicious ducks. The donor's name: a Mr. Mulford—United Press.

Memphis, Feb. 20. The City and Jesse Irby are square at last. Irby showed up yesterday and claimed the \$8.06 pay he left behind when he quit his job as a labourer five years ago.—United Press.

Chicago, Feb. 20. A restaurant seeking to capitalise on the approach of February 22 and the fact that it has an employee with a famous namesake, is advertising "George Washington works here."—United Press.

Chicago, Feb. 20. Mrs. Lucy Lindeman, 71, won a decrease of separate maintenance from her husband, Peter, also 71, after testifying that she "slaved all day to prepare fine meals" for Lindeman, who gave the food to the dog, "plate and all."—United Press.

Atlanta, Feb. 20. The Georgia Senate has passed a measure ordering revision of the State song to "make it more singable."—United Press.

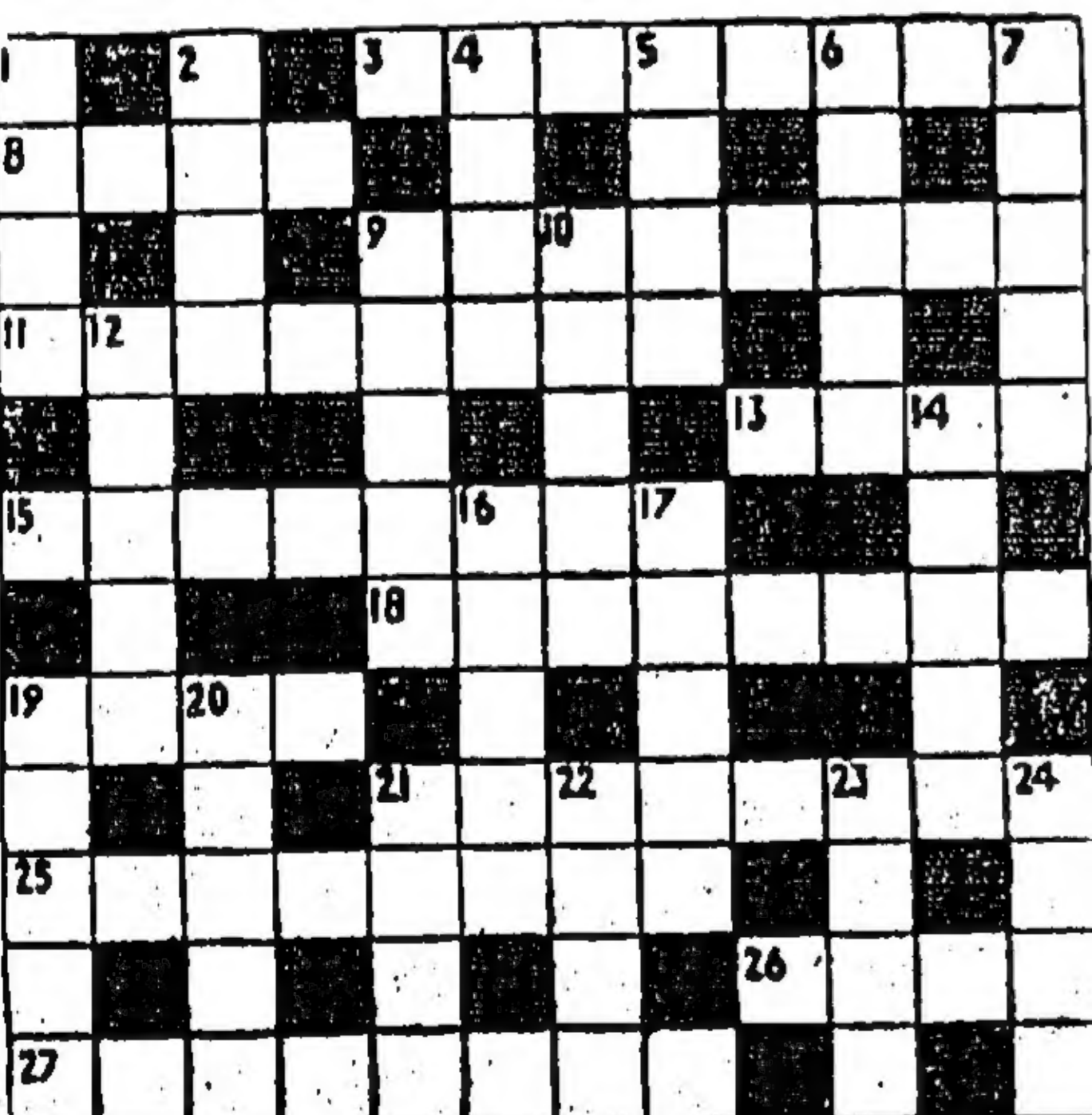
London, Feb. 20. A judge ruled yesterday that political differences are not grounds for divorce. He dismissed the petition of Mrs. Louisa Colledge, who had charged that her husband, George, was cruel to her because among other things he was a "sincere believer in Socialism" while she had "a conservative way of thinking."—United Press.

Permission To Wed Princess?

Stockholm, Feb. 20. KING Gustaf Adolf of Sweden was reported today to have given permission for Princess Margaretha, his grand-daughter, to marry Mr. Robin Douglas-Home, nephew of the Earl of Home. The evening newspaper Aftonbladet published the report amid rumours in Stockholm that an engagement will be announced in the near future.

A communique from the Swedish Court said tonight that Mr. Douglas-Home was expected in Stockholm at the beginning of next month, and that he would meet Princess Margaretha.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 3 Politic conflict, it seems (5, 3).
 - 8 Pay for use (4).
 - 9 Obviously strong (8).
 - 11 Territorial division (10).
 - 13 Do some cleaning? (4).
 - 15 Foster (8).
 - 16 Without warning (10).
 - 18 Motoring kit? (4).
 - 21 Say what it's like (8).
 - 25 Mr. Maugham's ship (10).
 - 26 Swagger on a sports field (4).
 - 27 Game vocabulary (5, 5).
- DOWN**
- 1 Cut of meat (4).
 - 2 Three in harmony (4).
 - 3 Spanish town (4).
 - 5 It's in Lancashire (4).
 - 6 Run off without paying out (6).
 - 7 Comparatively uncommon (5).
 - 9 He had the golden touch (5).
 - 10 Burn (5).
 - 12 Old magistrate (5).
 - 14 At pleasure (4, 3).
 - 16 Remedies (8).
 - 17 Official proclamation (5).
 - 19 Great relief (8).
 - 20 Ready for the fray (5).
 - 22 Swirl of acid (4).
 - 23 Burn again (4).
 - 24 Greeting girl (4).
 - 25 We're in just (4).

THURSDAY'S SOLUTION—Across: 1 Solihull, 5 Farce, 8 Allium, 9 Olympia, 10 Nudes, 11 Fives, 12 KILL, 13 Ratis, 15 Decade, 16 Tinsel, 20 Stems, 22 Ties, 23 Stola, 25 Sepia, 26 Idioms, 27 Grand, 28 Stand, 29 Gamely, Down: 1 Shockers, 2 Seminate, 3 Half, 4 Sluces, 5 Funeral, 6 Anusard, 7 Cress, 14 Immolate, 15 Saucy, 16 D-a-st-a-d, 17 Calling, 18 Ensign, 21 Trent, 24 Rada.

Reply To Eleven US Governors

Ike Confident In The Future

Belief In Soundness Of The US Economy

Thomasville, Feb. 20.

President Eisenhower declared today that nothing but a loss of "tough-minded confidence in the future" can plunge the U.S. into a deep and long economic decline.

"I believe that the underlying growth factors in the economy remain vigorous, and every indication is that they will reassert themselves later in the year," the President said.

The President expressed this belief in a telegram sent today to Governor Averell Harriman of New York, in reply to a telegram from Mr. Harriman and 10 other governors on February 13, expressing their views on the current economic situation.

A RISE IN PART-TIME WORKERS

Bonn, Feb. 20.

The number of short-time workers in West Germany rose from 20,571 in December, 1957 to 44,005 in January, 1958.

Unemployment insurance authorities said that the textile and clothing industries were worst affected by short time working.

Workers in 17 textile factories in Hesse are on strike for increases of up to 25 pfennings (about fivepence sterling) an hour.

Textile workers are also on strike in Wuertemberg and Lower Saxony.—China Mail Special.

Soundness

The President's telegram to Mr. Harriman was made public by the White House at Mr. Eisenhower's holiday headquarters at his south Georgia resort town.

The President stressed his belief in the underlying soundness of the U.S. economy.

"Our history shows that economic recovery and growth is not a matter of Washington stop-gaps or panaceas," he said. "It is necessary to avoid doing the wrong thing as to do the right one."

"We must actively seek to speed the recreation of productive job opportunities for those out of work in ways that will not undermine confidence and thus jeopardize the jobs of the more than 63,000,000 Americans who are at work today."

"You will agree, I know, that all of us in positions of trust and authority have a great responsibility in these times to help the needs of our people and to do so in a way that will strengthen, and not weaken, a tough-minded confidence in the future."

"Only if such a confidence is inspired—and thereby the daily decisions of millions of Americans adversely affected—can our present difficulties develop into a deep and protracted decline."—United Press.

The Suez Canal Compensation Talks Continue

Rome, Feb. 20.

Egypt and representatives of the Suez Canal Company continued today detailed discussions of the complex aspects of compensation for the nationalisation of the company.

World Bank Vice-President William A. Haff, of Great Britain, who acts as co-ordinator and "moderator" of the talks, described the atmosphere as "very friendly."

The compensation talks opened yesterday between Egypt and representatives of the new French Canal Company with a World Bank delegation sitting in as mediator.—United Press.

Gaillard Prepares To Stake His Govt

Paris, Feb. 20.

French Premier, Felix Gaillard, said here today that his government was determined to continue the parliamentary debate on the reform of government institutions to its conclusion, even if it put the existence of the government in the balance.

Gaillard, who was speaking at a luncheon of the French Economic Geography Society, said: "We have a duty to lead the debate to its conclusion in order to put an end to governmental instability."

"It is the fate of France which is the question."

How, he asked, could the government assume such heavy responsibilities in all domains if at the same time the question arises "Will government be in office next week?"

Referring to the economic situation, Gaillard said: "The respite which foreign aid gives us for the year 1958 should permit us to restore the situation."

"If we do not do this we shall be placed, in 1959, before insurmountable difficulties, because the aid which we have been obliged to ask for will not be renewed."—France-Press.

Coast Guard Rushes To The Rescue

Miami, Feb. 20.

The Coast Guard today rushed to the aid of a 70-foot yacht drifting in the Atlantic off Miami and started a search for a 30-foot sailboat that has been overdue for at least four days with two persons aboard.

The 70-foot yacht Greeting III radioed for assistance when its engines broke down on a trip from Miami to Miami. Six persons were aboard.

A Coast Guard plane hovered over the scene, some 15 miles northwest of Miami, awaiting the arrival of the cutter. Travel which will attempt to tow the Greeting III to Miami.

Meanwhile, all ships in the southeast Florida-Bahamas area were asked by radio to keep a lookout for the Zorro.

The 30-foot sailboat left Nassau on February 11 with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Finley and their dog aboard, bound for their home dock at Fort Lauderdale.—United Press.

CURIOSITY DID NOT PAY

New York, Feb. 20.

Three private detectives were arrested here today for installing a tiny radio transmitter—no bigger than a box of matches—in the bed of a Mrs. Barbara Wolfson at the request of her husband.

Mr. Wolfson, though separated from his wife, was said to be curious to know what went on in the bed.

The radio could be monitored from across the street. New York law prohibits the use of such radio listening posts without legal authority.—France-Press.

Futile H-Test Protest

BAD WEATHER FORCES BACK PACIFIST CREW

San Pedro, Feb. 20.

FOUR amateur seamen who wanted to set up a so-called picket line of U.S. H-test in the Pacific sailed toward the mainland today, forced back on the first leg of their trip by bad weather.

The four—off course and behind schedule on their 89-foot ketch *Odessa*—lashed about yesterday after a Coast Guard report of bad weather ahead in their voyage to Hawaii. The crew radioed the sponsoring Committee for Non-Violent Action Against Nuclear Weapons they had met "inclement" weather with 40 knots winds, had a broken beam, a soaked crewman and were short of water.

A spokesman for the Committee expected the *Odessa* to make it back to the mainland without assistance in five to seven days. He said the voyage would be attempted again if an able seaman could be found to sail.

The ketch, captained by Albert Bigelow of Coe Co., Connecticut, left for the Hawaiian Archipelago on January 10. David Gale of Carver, Massachusetts, was also aboard. They were about 500 miles out when forced to turn back.

The Committee which sponsored the trip also provided the ketch with a Nevada land permit.—United Press.

We'll Take That, Please



Obedience, a German sheep dog, does a spot of shopping at an Epsom delicatessen accompanied by two friends. All three are entries in Cruft's Dog Show at Olympia.—Keystone.

'Crime Of The Century' Murderer Gets Freedom

Springfield, Feb. 20.

Nathan Leopold, sentenced to both 99 years and life for the "Crime Of The Century" slaying of Bobby Franks in 1924, today was granted freedom.

The State Parole Board gave him a parole despite the fact that he never was to be released.

Leopold, at the age of 19, with Richard Loeb—two brilliant, rich young men—killed neighbour Franks, of Chicago, "for a thrill."

The Board three times previously had denied Leopold a parole. The Board said its decision to free Leopold was unanimous. It declined to disclose the vote.

The duration of Leopold's parole will be five years. He will be under supervision for that period.

How soon Leopold walks out from the Stateville Prison that has held him since September 11, 1924, depends on how soon the Division of Parole Supervision investigates and approves his housing and employment plans.

Leopold had asked the Board to be permitted to take a hospital job in the mountains of Puerto Rico at \$10 a month and room and board.

At Stateville Penitentiary, a smiling warden Joseph Rancione announced the parole to a waiting crowd of 75 newsmen.—United Press.

Last Edition?

London, Feb. 20.

The right-wing British weekly *Time and Tide* will go out of existence on March 22 unless new financial support can be found, the magazine's director, Lady Rhonda, announced today.

Founded in 1920, *Time and Tide* at present prints about 20,000 copies each week.—France-Press.

Djakarta Report Denied

Padang, Feb. 21.

A military spokesman of the Revolutionary Government here said on Thursday that it had no information substantiating Djakarta reports that an Indonesian Air Force observation plane surveyed Singarak Lake, 60 miles northeast of Padang.

Travellers in Bukittinggi also reported seeing a Catalina plane over the Lake but Revolutionary Army reports said "No planes landed on the Lake."—United Press.

Milwaukee, Feb. 20.

James Leberkner's truck tipped over yesterday, spilling 920 cases of Miller's beer on West Pabst Street.—United Press.

THREAT TO BRITAIN'S FISHING INDUSTRY

London, Feb. 20.

BRITAIN would lose half her fishing catch if present territorial limits at sea were extended out to 12 miles, a trawler chief said here today.

Major-General Sir Farndale Phillips, President of the British Trawlers' Federation, declared: "If the fishery limits are pushed out, especially round Iceland and Norway, sixpenny worth of fish at the fish and chips shop will be a thing of the past and cod will become damn near as expensive as smoked salmon."

It would be uneconomic for British trawlers to go out fishing, he added.

At present there is a three-mile territorial limit in Britain. Iceland has a four-mile limit and Soviet Russia a 12-mile limit.

Extension of the three-mile limit would hit the British fishing industry because fish breed close inshore and move into deeper water as they grow.

A majority of fish thus swim between the three-mile and the 12-mile limit.—China Mail Special.

'Missile With A Man In It'

Fast, New Plane For The US Air Force

Hamilton Air Force Base, Feb. 20.

The U.S. Air Force today accepted a fighter-interceptor plane that will fly twice the speed of sound and will push America's defence perimeter far out over its oceans.

The plane, called the F-104A Starfighter, is an "Upper Stratosphere" fighter and was billed by Lockheed as the "fastest, fightingest and highest-flying interceptor ever built."

Exact range of the new plane was not disclosed, but spokesmen said it would sweep the air for "hundreds of miles" on the defence perimeter.

The plane was put into operation for the U.S. Western Air Defence Command today by Lt.-Gen. J. H. Atkinson.

Air Force and Lockheed officials said the plane will fly more than twice the speed of sound and "climb as fast as it will fly."

Lockheed called the aircraft a "missile with a man in it." The Starfighter is a stubby weapon packing "more firepower per pound than any jet ever built," the Air Force said.

Performance specifications of the new jet were still under security wraps but the Air Force released these statistics about it:

- It contains the most powerful jet engine, thrust-per-pound, yet developed.
- It will use the fastest-firing aerial machine-gun ever built,

a 20 millimetre, a Gatling-type cannon capable of firing 6,000 rounds per minute.

- It will carry Sidewinder missiles guided by an infrared tracking device capable of destroying a target the pilot never sees.
- It will contain the first downward ejection system for a production type jet fighter. This removes the hazard of an ejected pilot colliding with the aircraft when he bails out.—United Press.


RUSSIA ENTERS TIN INDUSTRY

Washington, Feb. 20.

The head of a United States tin mining firm in Malaysia believes that the emergence of the Soviet bloc on the world market creates a critical situation.

Writing in the *Malayan Tin Bureau's* Tin News, Norman Cleveland, President of the Pacific Tin Consolidated Corporation, Kuala Lumpur, said the appearance of some seven thousand tons of "impure" Soviet bloc tin in Western markets last year was a unique development.

He urged that the United States which is not a signatory to the International Tin Agreement should either participate in the market supporting organisation or resume buying the metal for stockpiling.

The prevailing view in government circles here according to reliable trade sources is that the tin is probably coming from Chinese mainland deposits and being refined in Russia.

The possibility of the metal actually being mined in Russia is not ruled out.—Reuter.

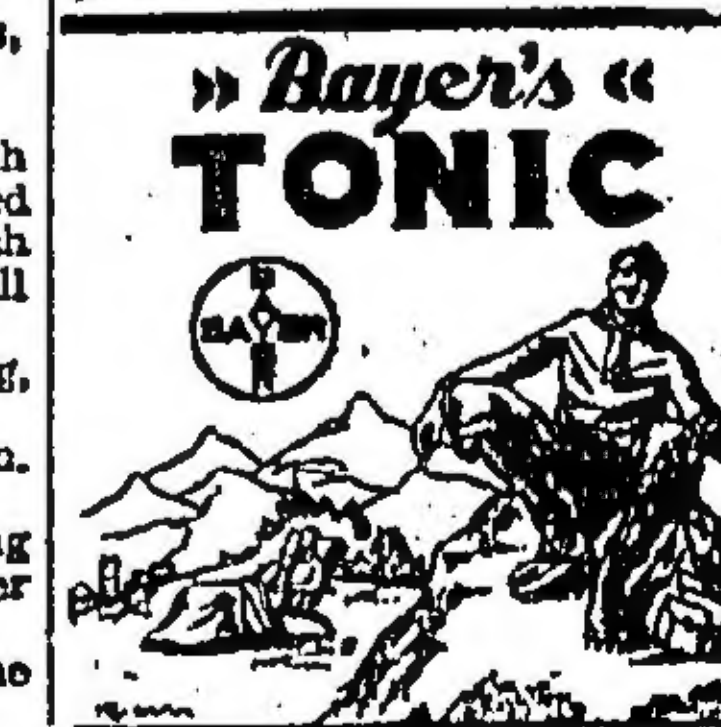
Painter Dies

New York, Feb. 20.

Eugene Higgins, 83, noted painter and etcher, died at New York Hospital yesterday after a long illness.—United Press.



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Moment of Victory

BUT DON'T SMILE TOO SOON, ZHUKOV!
—FOR YOUR TURN TOO IS COMING...

IS it a coincidence? Or is it the result of one of the most sinister and most perfectly executed plots in history?

The fact is that all the "comrades in arms" of Stalin, killed or banished from power by Krushchev in his successive coups, are men whom Stalin himself was plotting to "remove" when, most conveniently for them, he was put out of action by a stroke in March 1953.

Laurenti Beria, the police chief arrested on Krushchev's denunciation and later executed; Vyacheslav Molotov, Lazar Kaganovich, and Georgi Malenkov, kicked out and banished after Krushchev's coup in June 1957—all four were on Stalin's list for liquidation.

Evidence

FRANKLY, the more I look into the available evidence, the more I am convinced that Krushchev himself had helped put the idea of a new purge into the old tyrant's head.

He was in an excellent position to do so. From the moment of his return to Moscow in December 1949, Krushchev had managed to ingratiate himself closer and closer into the old man's heart, and secure for himself an influential voice deep in his most secret schemings.

Krushchev's purpose? The one that he has now at last achieved: to secure for himself and his supporters in the party machine the ruling voice in all Soviet affairs—political, military, and economic.

It is a significant pointer that, of the 16 men promoted to the ruling Presidium after the removal of Malenkov, Molotov and Kaganovich last June, five were Krushchev men, whom he had, with Stalin's help, pushed into the Presidium formed in 1952.

They had lost their jobs and their power when Stalin died. Now, with Krushchev riding the crest once more, they are back. And with them eight more apparitionists, as slavishly devoted to Mr. K. as Krushchev himself was to Stalin.

For three years after Stalin's death Krushchev went on extolling Stalin, building himself up as the "most intimate" of Stalin's "comrades in arms," working hard to legitimise himself in his position as First Secretary as Stalin's rightful successor.

Gamble

BUT then came the Twentieth Congress in February 1956. And there Krushchev embarked on the boldest—and, as it turns out, the shrewdest—gamble in his bid for the succession.

In a dramatic speech delivered to a special midnight session, Krushchev denounced Stalin, demands that the Soviet Union and the party return to the true road of Socialism pointed by Lenin.

It was a tremendous risk he was taking—exposing both himself, the party and the entire Soviet structure to an earthquake of which no one could gauge the consequences.

For those who regard Krushchev as impetuous and unpredictable, here was the perfect evidence. But I fancy he had thought the move over very carefully in all its aspects.

At home, it gave him the heroic stature of a liberator. Everywhere party operatives flocked to the standard of the new leader, led the men whom he was attacking.

Not that he was home yet.

The revolt in Hungary—coming on top of the Poznan riots—gives his opponents their big chance.

Typically he has his men arrest the Hungarian Government at a meeting to which they had been cordially invited for Soviet-Hungarian negotiations. That ends the Hungarian

THIS is Chapter Four of a closely documented analysis of the astonishing career of Nikita Krushchev—now firmly in the saddle as Czar of All the Russias. It reveals a startlingly different person from "the happy peasant" which the world so often mistakes him to be.

revolt, but not the anti-Krushchev intrigue.

In April 1957 Krushchev decides that the time has come to have the showdown with his enemies.

Deliberately he acts a wonderfully innocent-looking stage. He arranges a big 250th birthday party for the city of Leningrad.

It is of no importance to Krushchev that it is quite impossible to claim the year 1957 as the 250th anniversary of Leningrad, which was founded in 1703. Nor is there time for any of the preparatory build-up associated with such festivities.

"What the heck," I can almost hear Krushchev saying in his oath-filled vernacular Russian, "I want to have a party. I want to drink some vodka. Isn't it Leningrad's turn to have a party? What are you talking about?"

The Leningrad celebrations have not officially begun when Krushchev and Premier Bulganin arrive there at the beginning of June on their way to Finland for a State visit.

A vast jubilant crowd meets them at the station, mobs them wherever they go.

Stampeded

KRUSHCHEV'S agents have arranged for "spontaneous" questions to be hurled at him out of the crowd. They concern the notorious Leningrad purge of 1949, in which under the auspices of Beria and Malenkov almost all the top Leningrad notables have been either executed or deported to the salt mines.

"We shall not rest," Krushchev roars into the crowd, "until all those have been brought to book who were responsible for these vile deeds." And then, to leave no one in the slightest doubt as to whom he means, he adds, "I would like to have had Comrade Malenkov with me here today, so that he could tell us who was really responsible for the murder and deportation of hundreds of innocent Leningrad comrades."

A monstrous piece of effrontery for the man who, as Stalin's purveyor-in-chief in the Ukraine, was himself responsible for the murder of thousands of men and women and the deportation of whole populations. For Malenkov, to whom it is immediately reported, it is a bombshell.

Malenkov, Molotov, Kaganovich, and their supporters on the Presidium, are stampeded as Krushchev means them to be.

When Krushchev returns from Finland in June they challenge him to battle in an emergency meeting of the Presidium.

The rebels' plan is to elect Molotov Party Secretary in Krushchev's place, and downgrade Krushchev to Minister of Agriculture.

They also want to dismiss Krushchev's old ally General Serov from his post as head of Security. For these moves they try to get the support of Marshal Zhukov, most popular of all the Russian marshals, and a candidate member of the Presidium. But, significantly, he turns them down.

The meeting begins, and the majority of the Presidium are against Krushchev. Even Bulganin appears to join them.

But this is precisely the moment Krushchev has been carefully plotting for all these months.

A group of soldier members of the Central Committee—the lower and more "democratic" level in the party hierarchy—try to storm their way into the Presidium with cries of: "What's going on here?" Other pro-Krushchev members of the Central Committee, sent up by the hidden Krushchev whips, follow them.

All make it clear that they will not have vital decisions

taken above their heads "in the old way." Krushchev carries the day when he insists that the question of Serov's removal and his own demotion must be referred to the Central Committee.

All according to plan: When the committee meets Krushchev men from the provinces—rushed to the meeting in military aircraft—are the first to speak. They denounce the Presidium bosses. So do the army marshals, foremost among them Zhukov.

With that the fate of the anti-Krushchev men is sealed. Stalin's intended purge of 1953 has been accomplished by the world's most astonishing plotter.

Out go the victims into the wilderness. In March the Krushchev supporters to take their places. And with them that most mysterious figure of all: Marshal Georgi Zhukov.

TOMORROW:
Zhukov's blunder

LONDON LETTER

How Much?

ALL governments are born to die. Even Aneurin Bevan admitted that in 1945 when there was such an electoral landslide that we Tories were no more than a decimated platoon surrounded by a Socialist horde.

"We shall be in power for 25 years," he said to me in the camaraderie of the smoke room, "but for one reason or another we shall then be thrown out. But mark my words, Beverley, there will never be a Conservative Government in this country again. It happened to the Liberal Party and it will happen to you."

Six years later the Conservatives came to power and have held it ever since. Yet we know that some day we shall be out again. Even in Canada it has been proved that a Government cannot last for ever.

Yes, all Governments are born to die although some, like Charles de Gaulle, may live a little longer than others. In my time I saw Ramsay MacDonald pounce so unmercifully that he resigned as Leader of the Socialist Party and went home to die. Sir Stanley Baldwin had been hammered incessantly by the Beaverbrook Press and by a section of his own Party resigned the Premiership with a sense of relief and went to live his short remaining time in the countryside that he loved so much.

I saw death on Neville Chamberlain's face on that tragic night before the declaration of war on Hitler when the Tories shouted to the Socialist Leader to speak for England. And years later I watched Anthony Eden during the Suez tragedy pounce on his resignation when he was so ill that he could hardly guard his chin much less hit back. And last Autumn I met Mr. St. Laurent in a corridor of the Chateau Laurier, in Ottawa, a great servant of the State dismissed by the electorate.

Now I must ask you to turn your attention to Westminster. Once more where Mr. Harold Macmillan, home from the Commonwealth tour, will face the full implications of the ministerial rebellion that led to the resignation of Chancellor Peter Thorneycroft and his two junior ministers.

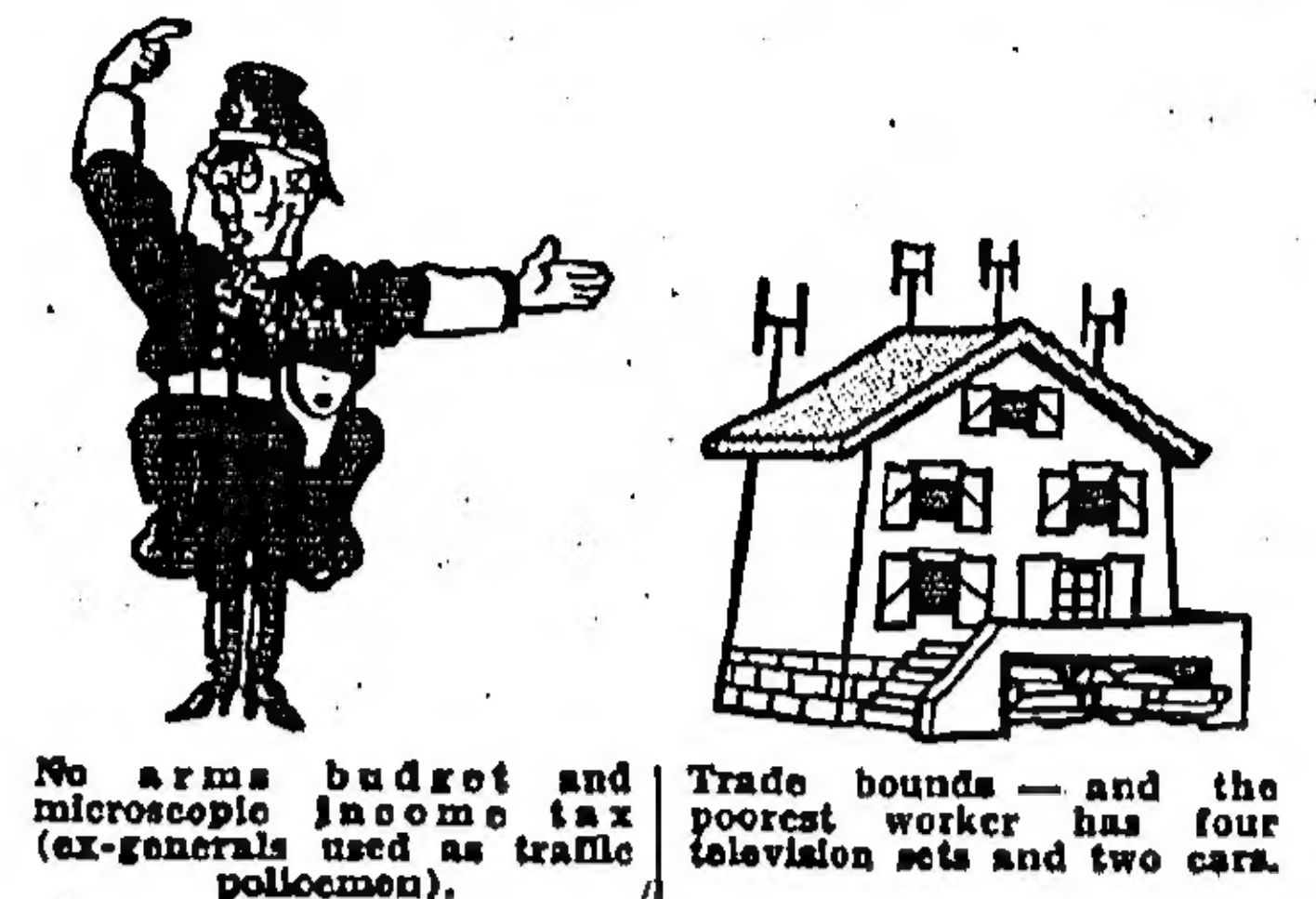
I must explain that the actual seats in the British House of Commons are divided by a gateway. Thus Ministers on one side and Shadow Opposition Ministers opposite sit above the gateway whereas the ordinary run of M.P.'s sit below the gateway.

Consider then the situation of Prime Minister Macmillan when he gets up to open a full dress debate on the home situation, or to report on his whitewash Commonwealth tour. Almost breathing down his neck will be Peter Thorneycroft, the youngish spectacular ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer who resigned as Finance Minister because Macmillan would not let him make a

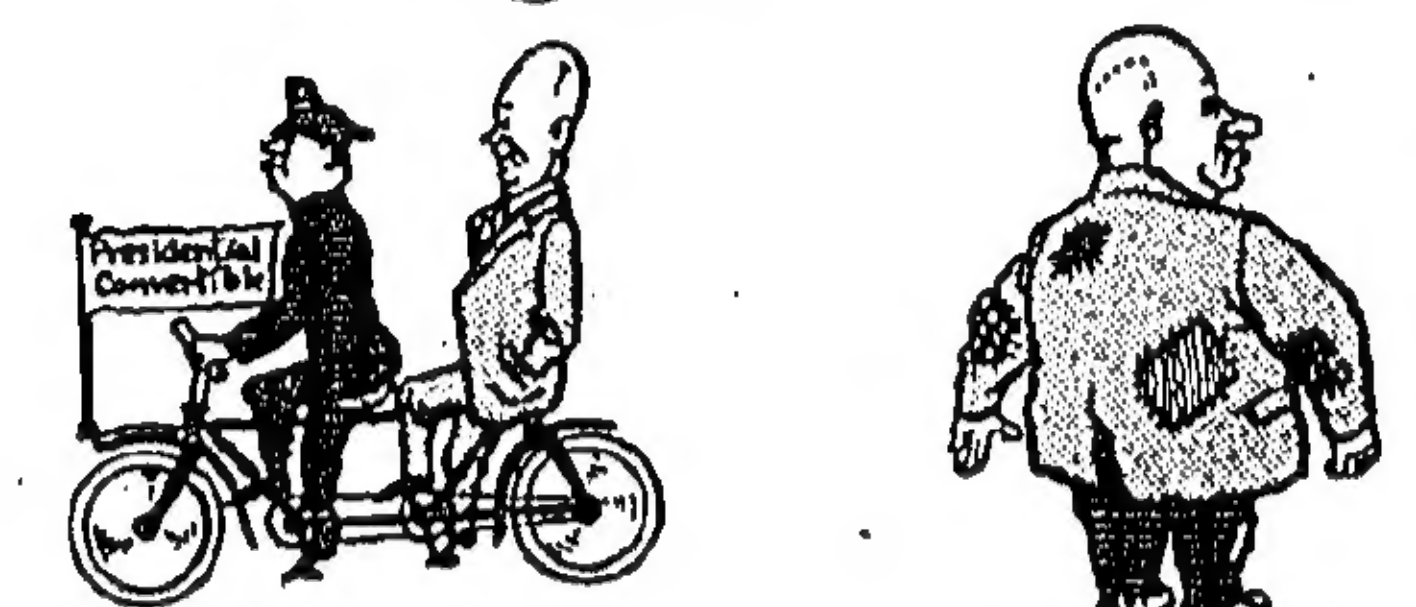
WHAT REALLY GOES ON
BEHIND THAT BLAND
EXTERIOR?—THIS IS A LOOK
BENEATH THE MASK



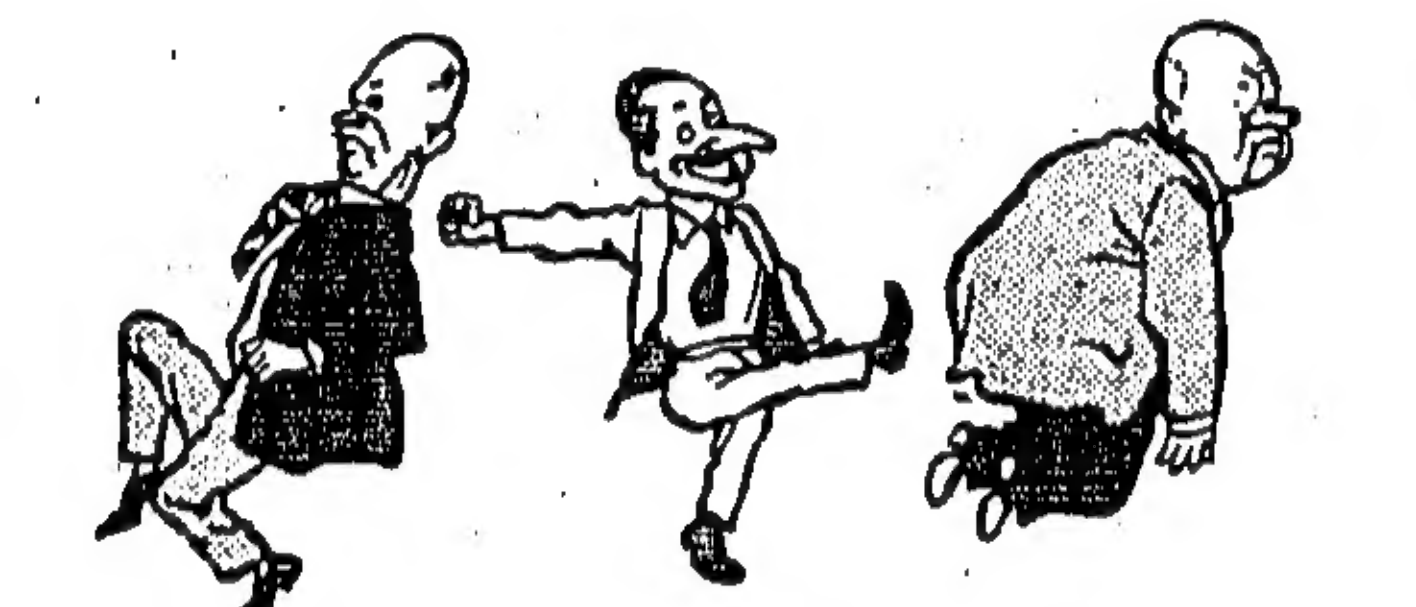
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No arms budget and microscopic income tax (ex-generals used as traffic policemen). Trade bounds—and the poorest worker has four television sets and two cars.



America and Russia spend so much on Sputniks and rockets that they are almost penniless.



They are so terrified of each other's weapons that they dare not use them. No one fears the Big Two any more, and no one can expect cash from them.



But Germany is rolling in money. German Mark Aid begins.



By Sir Beverley Baxter, MP

saving of £50 million on National Health expenditure.

Sitting somewhere near Thorneycroft will be Nigel Birch and Enoch Powell, who as Junior Ministers of the Treasury resigned with their Chief Peter Thorneycroft. As ex-ministers they have the right to sit as private members behind the Ministerial benches.

Then, if you happen to come to the House and if the debate is important enough you will also see on the back benches above the gateway a languid, good-looking, dark-haired Mercutio named Anthony Head. As Secretary for War he was responsible for the Army's part in the attack on the Suez Canal. Personally I believe that he did his job well in the invasion but when Eden resigned it was felt that Anthony Head should follow him into the twilight of the gods.

In a balance

FINALLY, sitting beside Harold Macmillan on the Government Front Bench is R. A. Butler, always senior to Macmillan yet passed over when a Prime Minister had to be chosen in succession to Eden. Butler, like Brutus, is an honourable man but you remember what Brutus did to Caesar.

In such a balance of personalities it seems like an ironic comedy that an almost unknown figure, lacking in dynamism and showmanship, should suddenly emerge as a figure of immense importance. His name is Heathcoat Amory.

Early in September, when I drove to the London airport to see my son off for Canada an official said that there was a friend of mine in the V.I.P. push room who wanted to see me. The V.I.P. in question was Mr. Heathcoat Amory who then held the unenviable post of Minister of Agriculture in Her Majesty's Government. He thought that I, as a Canadian, might be able to give him a hint or two for his Canadian "visit."

"All you have to do is to buy the wheat surplus and they will erect a statue to you in due time by £250 million in the ensuing year. It may be that the official arrived to escort the Prime Minister indicated partial

V.I.P. to the plane and the meeting was over.

Imagine then the surprise when it was announced that Heathcoat Amory had been appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer in succession of Peter Thorneycroft. "But we hardly know him," said more than one Tory. Other voices said: "There's a lot of character and ability behind that shy exterior

agreement but it is equally possible that other ministers argued that £50 million was a saving of such small dimensions that it would not be worth the resentment which would be felt by the pensioners and the insured workers. At any rate it is evident that at some point the Prime Minister took the view that the saving would cause more trouble than it was worth. It may even be true that Macmillan, trying to come to a decision and said that he must have his way.

But it is one thing to disagree with the Prime Minister in principle and quite another to refuse to accept his advice. This was open rebellion and the Prime Minister was faced with a direct challenge and defiance. One ministerial resignation can shake a Government but three ministerial resignations threaten a Government's very survival. Macmillan, with his shrewd Celtic instinct, must have known that the future of the Prime Minister and the Government depended on one man—R. A. Butler, the Home Secretary and Leader of the House of Commons.

He could have

WHEN Sir Anthony Eden resigned the Premiership the choice of a successor lay between Butler and Macmillan. The Queen sent for Sir Winston Churchill to advise her and there is no reason to doubt that he suggested that Macmillan should be asked to form a Government.

R. A. Butler is a man of dedication and fine character but it must have been a crushing blow when he was passed over for the Premiership. Therefore when Macmillan asked Butler to discuss with him the Thorneycroft crisis the position of Butler was decisive. If he had been vindictive he could have said to Macmillan that having heard both sides he, Butler, could only take one course—that was to support Thorneycroft. In such a situation Macmillan would have had to withdraw his opposition to Thorneycroft's Welfare cuts or else ask Her Majesty to accept his resignation.

... but

IN other words Butler might have played Brutus to Macmillan's Caesar and plunged the dagger into his heart. Instead he sustained the man who had superseded him as Prime Minister. And thus Harold Macmillan flew across the seas to India, and his Commonwealth Tour had begun.

No one knows how the story will end. How long can a Prime Minister lead a Government when behind him on the benches above the gateway are ex-ministers breathing down his neck?

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A HARD TASK FOR JIMMY MURPHY

**Matt Busby's Assistant
Manager Can Start
Build-Up Immediately**

By ARTHUR WALMSLEY

When the Elizabethan airliner carrying Manchester United rocketed over the runway and ploughed into the ground at Munich the most fantastic British footballing machine of all time came to a halt and died.

Eight of the seventeen Busby "Babes" who had grown to men perished. Of those who survived there can only be reasonable certainty at this stage that Billy Foulkes, Harry Gregg, Bobby Charlton and Ray Woud will play again.

In a split second, the "Empire" which had taken the Manchester United team to Munich, was reduced to a pile of twisted metal. The aircraft, which was carrying the Manchester United team to Munich, was reduced to a pile of twisted metal. The aircraft, which was carrying the Manchester United team to Munich, was reduced to a pile of twisted metal.

What happens to Manchester United now? The answer is simple. The Manchester United team, which was carrying the Manchester United team to Munich, was reduced to a pile of twisted metal. The aircraft, which was carrying the Manchester United team to Munich, was reduced to a pile of twisted metal.

Soccer Teams Must Take The Risk Of Travelling By Air

Says TOM FINNEY

Should football teams continue to fly to matches? Yes. Disasters like the Manchester United air crash cannot be allowed to put the clock back. We have just got to learn from them, and try to stop the same thing happening again.

It is less than 12 months since the Football League lifted their ban on air travel to matches. Now the President, Mr. Joe Richards, says the Management Committee will reconsider their decision at their next meeting.

In the circumstances, you couldn't expect him to do otherwise.

But there have been some shocking air disasters. Two quite recently at Lewisham and Dagenham. And people do not stop using air travel after such crashes. Any more than they stop using cars after an accident.

I don't think the Football League will ban air travel again, although they may advise clubs to make air travel a pleasure, as Preston North End will probably do when they tour South Africa in the summer.

I have flown two and a half miles across Europe, the United States, South America, South Africa, feeling just as safe as in a train. And I am not scared of getting into a plane again after the United crash.

Maybe I'm a fatalist in these things. I believe that if your number is on the ticket, you've had it, as we used to believe in the Services during the war. Apart from air and sea crashes, we never realise what a terrible road toll there is until we see the figures.

Show The World

Teams must take the risk of travelling by air, and I think that is what the FA and League will advise them to do. Otherwise, what would happen to Britain in international football, like the World Cup? Are we to stand aside in not-so-splendid isolation, and not show the world that we, who taught others to play football, can still play it as the best of them?

To do this would be a backward step. If air travel is banned, Britain would be regarded as a back number at football.

There has been some controversy over whether the other Saturday's matches should have been postponed in respect to

Hashim Khan Seeded In Open Squash Tourney

London, Feb. 20. Hashim Khan (Pakistan), recent winner of the Dunlop Open Tournament, is seeded in the Open Squash Championships to be played at the Landisdown Club from March 20 to 31, if both reach that point. The brothers fought out the Dunlop final with Hashim winning in three straight sets. Mohibullah Khan (Pakistan) an 18-year-old left-hander, is seeded third and Yusuf Khan, the Indian professional at Leicester, is number four. Roshan Khan (Pakistan), last year's winner, is not defending. —France Press.

THE TRAGIC SOCCER TEAM



Britain is mourning the tragedy which befell the Manchester United soccer team when a plane carrying players returning from a match in Belgrade crashed shortly after take-off at Munich Airport. Of the 21 persons who were killed in the crash, seven were players.

Picture shows:—A line-up of the team as it was. Standing, from left:—Trainer Tom Currie (dead); left-half Duncan Edwards (dead); half-back Mark Jones (dead); goalkeeper Ray Wood (injured); inside-right Bobby Charlton (injured); right-back Billy Foulkes (injured); and manager Matt Busby (injured).

Seated, from left, are outside-right John Berry (injured); forward Bill Whelan (dead); full-back and captain Roger Byrne (dead); winger David Pegg (dead); half-back Eddie Colman (dead).—London Express Photo.

Replacements

The half back replacements for the late Eddie Colman and Duncan Edwards were ready-made in Freddie Goodwin and young Wilf McGuinness.

Both these men are "reserves" only in the Manchester United sense. With any other club they would have been automatic first team choices. With the addition of Gregg in goal and Foulkes at right full back, Jimmy Murphy will start with a nucleus of a defence as good as any in England or Scotland or Wales.

In attack, however, he is sure only of the plus of Bobby Charlton. Of the once star-studded Manchester United team, only Tommy Taylor, Billy Whelan and David Pegg are dead, and the footballing future of Albert Scamilton, Johnny Berry, Dennis Viollet and Ken Morgan are in considerable doubt.

Reconstruction of the forward line is going to be Jimmy Murphy's biggest task. Yet here again he is by no means bankrupt of talent—even though that talent is still mostly immature.

Future Leader

In 18-year-old giant Alex Dawson he has a centre-forward who has already been hailed as Scotland's future attack leader. Mark Pearson, 18-year-old inside-forward, is another close to first team standard.

For utility man Murphy has Welsh international Colin Webster, who has had considerable first team experience. But there are still two forward gaps to fill—and frankly I see none on the books as yet who are ready to fill them adequately.

When Matt Busby wrote in his book ("Matt Busby—My Story") that he had secured the future of United for years, it could be said he had been expected to take the Munich disaster into account.

It was Matt's dream to have a second team as good as his first—and he came miraculously close to achieving it. But even a Busby could not plan for the crash which not only shattered that first team but wrecked the second line strength as well.

The third line strength is still there—as Busby planned. But not even Jimmy Murphy could plan Manchester United to speed up time—and so the watching world must wait for the youngsters to grow up a little.

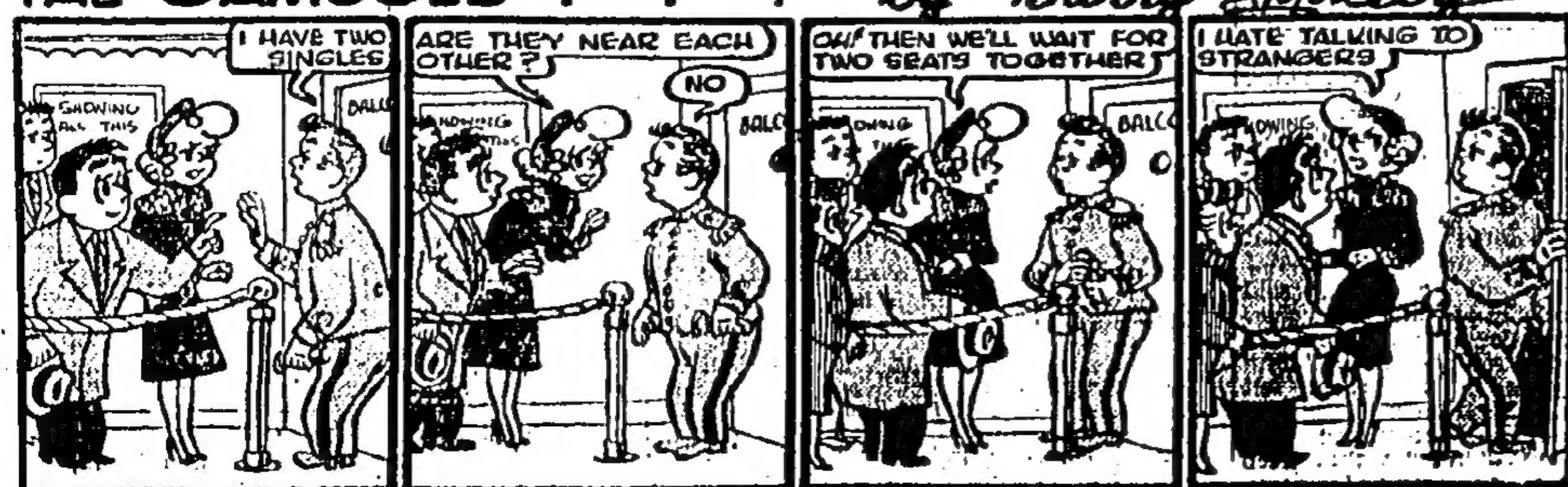
Murphy will keep them moving. And Murphy, if he has to, is good enough to do it alone.

But I fancy it will be two years at least before we see even the first glimmerings of a return to Manchester United's greatness.

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THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



SOCCER NEWS

Mel Charles To Ask For A Transfer At The End Of The Season?

By JAMES CONNOLLY

London.

Swansea's Welsh international half-back Mel Charles, whom Chelsea are anxious to sign, is to ask for a transfer if his club are relegated at the end of the season.

He says, "I don't think Swansea would let me go at the moment. But if we go down I would ask for a transfer in order to keep in a higher class of football."

Swansea are at the bottom of the Second Division. Their chance of going down will not be lessened by the transfer of star outside-left Cliff Jones.

Chelsea manager Ted Drake was at the Wales-Israel World Cup-tie in Cardiff to press his claims for both Jones and Charles. I believe he is more interested in Charles, of whom he says: "At one time I thought that he was going to be an even better proposition than his brother, John Charles."

For Swansea Charles has been playing at right-half and he had a player-manager Charlie Mitten, in the Mansfield Town team against Cup giant-killers Darlington the other week, has a rival in his younger brother, Charlie junior, a Mansfield Schools footballer.

Young Charlie is an inside-forward and is reputed to be able to kick a dead ball almost as hard as his famous ex-international father—which is saying a lot.

Who gets the Newcastle manager's job? My tip-off is that Alec Stock, former Roma and Leyton Orient boss, is top of the list.

Who gets the Burnley job? Harry Potts (Shrewsbury) and Ron Stuart (Scunthorpe) are most fancied with Arthur Turner

(Birmingham) also in the reckoning. Who gets the Blackpool job? Stan Mortensen (Southport) is still favourite, but I shall be surprised if Johnny Carey, who has done such a wonderful job at Blackpool, isn't very much in mind.

Attack Leader

Brian Clough will be England's next attack leader... that's what they are saying in Middlesbrough. Tom Finney is sure to go in Preston.

My money is on Finney, but Middlesbrough chief Bob Denison says: "Brian is ripe for a full international cap now. His present form lifts him above recent trials in either the Under-23's or England 'B'.

I reckon he is the best young centre forward in the country now."

England selectors have watched Clough closely in recent weeks. The go-ahead spearhead certainly knows the way to the target.

If he lands the job he will follow a great Middlesbrough tradition of England leaders from Ayresome Park... George Elliott, George Camsell, and Mickey Fenton.

At the end of last season wing half Islwyn Jones (22) was given a free transfer from Cardiff City. Specialists had told him that cartilage trouble would prevent him playing further football again.

Islwyn drew 2,250 compensation from the Players' Union—but then Albert London, the Merthyr manager, stepped in.

"I took him to Merthyr as player-coach," London told me, "but he shaped so well in training that I suggested he should sign as a professional."

"Now he is a full-time player, and after 19 matches he hasn't spent a moment on the table with injury."

And Islwyn is returning the £250 to the Players' Union, hoping for a big comeback. Swansea are very interested.

An Early Bid

Expect Newcastle to make an early bid for Jack Henderson, Portsmouth's Scottish international forward.

Newcastle have searched desperately all season for a centre forward and a left winger. Henderson can play in either position.

What is the secret of West Bromwich Albion's ability to switch players during a match without any loss of rhythm?

Vic Buckingham thinks that their six-a-side football during training has a lot to do with it. "The boys are very keen on this game," he told me. "They have teams of their own and often come back in the afternoon to play off one of their matches."

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ICE HOCKEY

Oalo, Feb. 20. Canada beat Norway 6-0 in an international ice hockey match here tonight.—Reuter.

THE ACCENT WILL BE ON ATTACK

NOW ZIP RUGBY IS ON THE WAY

By PAT MARSHALL

Rugby, as we played it in our schooldays, is dead. Rugby as you saw it at Twickenham recently is dead too—or it will be when the new season opens next September.

In its place—a speeded-up, streamlined game, with the accent on ATTACK.

The International Board—representatives of each of the four Home Unions plus Australia, South Africa and New Zealand—spent four days considering 48 pages of suggested amendments, and they have really gone to town.

Sir Wavell Wakefield, one of the two English representatives on the Board (the other is Bill Ramsay), told me: "The guiding principle throughout all our deliberations has been to make Rugby both a better game to play and to watch."

So Happy

"Believe me, all the delegates from each of the seven countries are most happy about the result. The basis of all the changes is that they encourage open play and swing the balance in favour of the team wishing to attack."

Almost all the changes are to become law. The fumbled knock-on, the extension of the advantage law, the added scope for the short penalty... the added punishment for the delayed tackle.

Come too in the placing of the ball by another player when a man tries to convert a try. Smacks of Rugby League, you say?

Speed-Up

Above all this will speed up the game. Now both sides will be striving for the ball and an immediate knock-on or a wing forward will shove instead of lurking and both back lines will adopt attacking formations instead of the tight head side's backs lying up on the advantage line.

Many other improvements were suggested. None have been definitely thrown out. Sir Wavell said: "Quietly, during the next three years, we'll try them out, experiment, then get together again and complete notes."

This Rugby game is a growing child. The new laws are just another step forward—not the ultimate.

THE NEW RUGBY LAWS

Laws 2 and 14. THE KNOCK-ON: An unintentional knock-on direct from a kick will not be an infringement, provided the player recovers the ball before it touches the ground or another player.

In the case of catching otherwise than from a kick (e.g., taking a pass) minor fumbling of the ball will be allowed.

Law 8. TIME: Permitted delays (injuries, etc.) not more than two minutes instead of three as at present.

Law 10 (15). ADVANTAGE: The advantage law is extended to include tactical advantage in addition to mere territorial advantage. It will apply to all phases of the game except the kick-off and bringing the ball into play from touch.

Law 15. SCUMMAGE: The hooker on the tight side of the scrum will be allowed to strike with the heel of his foot, on equal terms with the hooker on the loose head side. At present only the fourth or further foot of either hooker may first play the ball.

Law 16. THE TACKLE: Subject to certain safeguards, a player will be able to play the ball after the tackle in any lawful way—i.e., he need not first play it with the foot as at present.

Law 20. OBSTRUCTION: The Foul Play (Law 34) are now applied to the more serious forms of obstruction.

Law 24. PENALTY: The penalty kick is extended—viz., the kick need not travel five yards and may be kicked in any direction, provided it is not next played by the kicker.

Law 25. PLACE KICK AFTER TRY: The kicker may place the ball. Opponents can charge as the kicker begins his run or offers to kick.

Law 27. TOUCH: When the ball is thrown in the option of either throwing in themselves or taking a scrum.

Law 34. FOUL PLAY AND MISCONDUCT: Foul play is specifically applied to early and late tackling and dangerous tackling. In all cases of foul play the referee must either caution the offender or send him off and in addition award a penalty.

For a second offence he must send the player off. If the referee considers that but for the foul play (including certain forms of obstruction) a try would probably have been scored he should award a penalty try. At present this is only done if he considers a try would undoubtedly have been scored.

Law 35. REPEATED INFRINGEMENT: In the case of repeated infringement of Law 20 (Obstruction) and of Law 34 (Foul Play and Misconduct) the player must be sent off.

For repeated infringements of other laws the player shall be cautioned. If he ignores the caution the referee shall report.

Century By Alim-Ud-Din At Kingston

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 21.

A century by Alim-Ud-Din, a regular opening batsman dropped to number six in the order, helped the Pakistan touring cricket team take a first innings lead of 130 runs over Jamaica on the second day of their match here.

Alim-Ud-Din scored 107 in Pakistan's total of 297 scored in reply to Jamaica's first innings of 167.

At the close Jamaica had scored 12 for no wicket in their second innings.

Alim-Ud-Din, who batted for three hours and 32 minutes and hit 17 boundaries, had an escape before scoring, being dropped at leg slip off the spinner, R. Scarlett.

Wazir Mohammad, who scored 41, helped him put on 90 for the fifth wicket.

Pakistan scored the 230 runs they added today in four and a half hours.—Reuter.

ARCARO RIDES HIS 4,000TH WINNER

Arcadia, California, Feb. 20.

Eddie Arcaro, 41-year-old American jockey, rode his 4,000th winner here today.

He is the third jockey to reach this target. The others were Johnny Longden, the Yorkshire-born rider who has won 5,091 races in the United States, and Britain's Sir Gordon Richards, whose score was 4,870.—Reuter.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Feb. 20. Results in today's football matches were:

FA Cup Fifth Round Replay: Blackburn Rovers 2, Cardiff City 1.

(Winners at home to Liverpool.)

League Two: Leyton Orient 1, West Ham United 4.

League Three North: Southampton United 3, Hull City 0.—Reuter.



ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP THEM OUT

Aussies Go To Fantastic Lengths To Prepare For An International Contest

Says DEREK JOHN

London.

Australians win the rubber against South Africa....Australians retain the Davis Cup....Three Australians break nine world swimming records....Two Australians run a sub-four-minute mile.

All this in the course of the past eight weeks. It has become impossible to keep Australian sportsmen and women out of the news.

What's the secret behind this outstanding record in the world of sport? How does one country manage to produce such giants of sport as Lew Hoad, Mal Anderson, Ashley Cooper, Ilsa and Jon Konrads, Dawn Fraser, Herb Elliott and Merv Lincoln.

Most of all, it seems to be the result of a policy of "start them young and train them hard." Other countries have very promising youngsters, but many are afraid of rushing them along too quickly.

Not so in Australia. When they find an outstanding youngster they submit him to a rigorous training programme and often make him compete against much older players.

Take, for example, those amazing "water babies", Ilsa and Jon Konrads. Neither of them could swim at all when they arrived in Australia from Latin seven years ago. But in four years, under Sydney coach Don Talbot, they had both reached world class.

The performances of Ilsa, 13, and Jon, 15, have made coaches in other countries wonder whether they have been unnecessarily cautious. Many international swimmers train for one or two hours a day, but the Australian swimming stars train for at least five hours a day—every day—without harmful effect.

Great Record

There are other reasons for Australia's great record in sport. It is a recognised fact that the youngsters mature at an unusually early age. Obvious examples: Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall, who at 18 became the youngest-ever winners of the Wimbledon Doubles Championship.

The Australians are also extremely competitive-minded and will go to almost fantastic lengths to prepare for an international contest. For instance, I hear that the Australians have been training British lawns in preparation for the bowls events at the British Empire Games in Cardiff, Wales, next July. They hope to produce the same kind of conditions at home for practice games.

In tennis the Australian coaches have been the first to make use of a robot tennis machine which is capable of producing almost every known stroke in the game from any direction and at different speeds. You've got to hand it to these Aussies. They are really keen.

Astonishing

The astonishing Jean Borotra of France, now in his 60th year, has told his friends that he has every intention of competing in the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships this year. It will be his 29th appearance—easily a record.

Borotra first entered Wimbledon in 1922 and appeared every year until 1955, except 1949 and 1947.

He has won every possible Wimbledon title—the singles twice (1924 and 1929); the men's doubles three times (1925, 1932, and 1933); and the mixed doubles once (with Susan Lenglen in 1925). He was also three times runner-up for the singles title.

How can he continue to play first-class tennis at the age of 59? The secret seems to be the special exercises he has done every morning of his life. He is still as fit as most men half his age; his biggest handicap is failing sight.

Important Matches

The programme for England's cricket tour of Australia this year has still not been decided owing to differences between the MCC and the Australian Board of Control. The MCC want longer breaks between important matches.

Mr S. C. Griffith, Assistant MCC Secretary, says: "We have agreed to play the second and third Test matches over Christmas and the New Year. But we are reluctant to agree to the completion of three six-day Tests, plus travel, within four weeks."

The Australians, it seems, are choosing the dates most likely to produce big attendances. But the MCC are not likely to relent. With three Tests scheduled within a month, England

would be in serious trouble if their party were hit by injuries.

Another problem for the MCC is provided by South Africa's request for an England tour earlier than 1964.

South Africa want—and obviously need—more international cricket. But racial politics eliminate half the Test-playing countries—Pakistan, West Indies and India. The Springboks are not due to receive another touring side until the MCC's visit in 1964-5.

While South Africa has too little international cricket, England has almost too much. This year, England welcomes touring teams from New Zealand and Fiji and faces an Australia tour immediately afterwards. Then England plays against the West Indies (1959-60), India and Pakistan (1961-2), and Australia (1962-3).

"Off-duty" winters are 1960-1 and 1963-4, in accordance with the MCC's agreement with the county clubs that there will be one year in three free of tours abroad.

The MCC will not change this arrangement, for England's players—and their wives—must have a break from cricket. But I understand the MCC would be willing to send an "A" team on a South African tour in 1960-1.

I expect the Football League to harden their attitude towards

English participation in the European Cup following Manchester United's air disaster. The Management Committee have been against the European Cup since its inception. Chelsea, as the 1954-5 champions, bowed to the Committee's wishes and refused the invitation to compete.

United, however, took part last season and netted at least £40,000 from their flight through to the semi-final against Real Madrid.

Will Manchester United continue in the European Cup this year? It all depends on the draw. If their opponents are in easy reach by sea and rail, United expect to play. But if their match involves an air trip, they may decide to withdraw.

Rocket Bat

The back room boys of table tennis have developed yet another special weapon for the players. We have seen such developments as the balloon bat, the pimples bat and the sponge bat. Now comes the rocket bat.

This has spring-operated metal strips inside the rubber-coated surface of the bat. These strips are controlled by a mechanism on the handle which inflates or deflates the surface as required. Tomi Reiter and Paul Pesch, two of Rumania's star players, have tested the bat. They say that, once mastered, it could become a devastating weapon.

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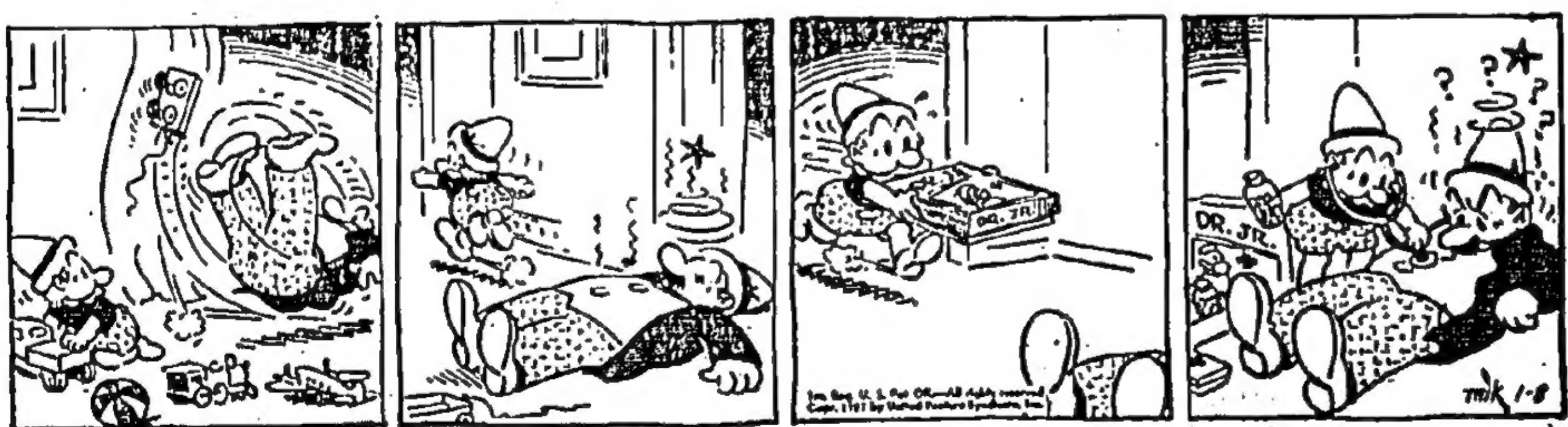
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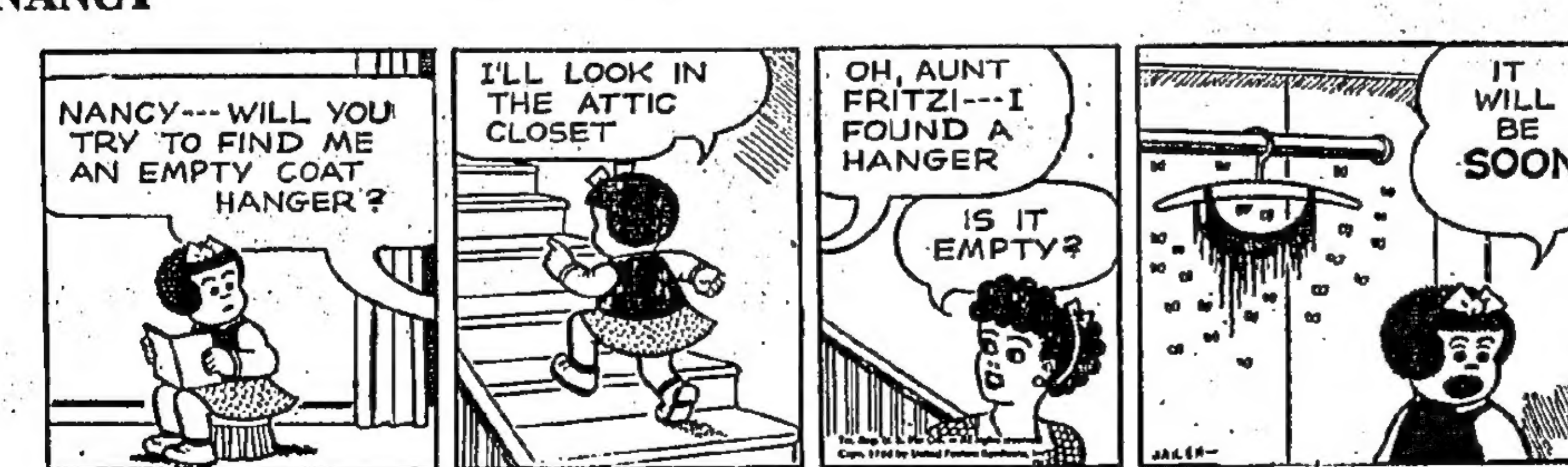
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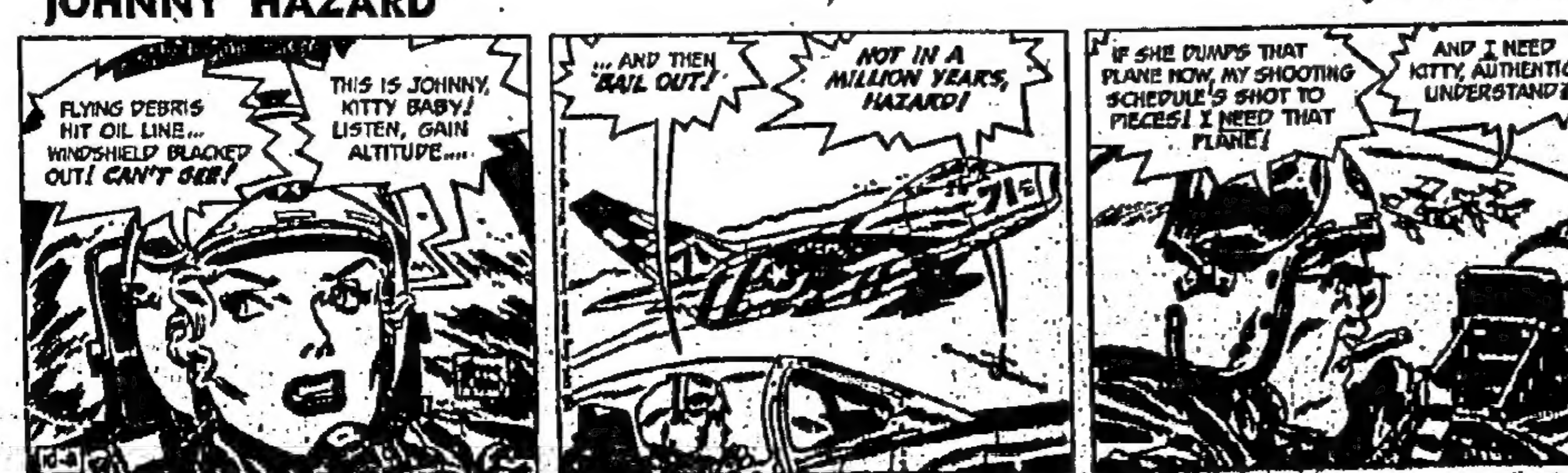
NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



GRAND NATIONAL ENTRY



Tiberetta, owned and trained by Mr E. B. Courage, is entered for the Grand National to be run at Aintree, Liverpool, on March 29. The racehorse is ridden by M. McCourt.—Reuterphoto.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Ladies' Golf: Old Dragon's Cup Final.
Squash: Colony Championship final at Victoria Barracks courts, 6.30 p.m.

Football: HUFU Division 1 Honour of Korea Football Team, Winner House, 8 p.m.

TOMORROW

1st Division: Army "South" v CCC, Scorpions v Heceta, Police v H.C. K.C. v Navy, R.A.F. v Oxford.

2nd Division: Army "South" v R.A.F. D.B. v Army "North", University v Police, Centura v KCC "Wasp".

Combined Chinese v Korean Football Team, Hongkong Stadium, 3.30 p.m.

Hockey: Ladies' Cup: First Round: Grenada v Heceta "B" (Recreio) 4 p.m.; K.C. v King's (K.P.) 2.30 p.m.; Heceta "A" v Victoriana (Recreio) 2.30 p.m.

40 Fd Regt v R.A.F. (A.B.) 3.30 p.m.; Army v Police (A.B.) 4.15 p.m.; Club "B" v R.A.F. "B" (Club) 3 p.m.; Navy v Club (Club) 4.15 p.m.

From All Quarters

Lancashire will be crammed next summer with Commonwealth professional cricketers playing in the League. Pakistan will be represented by Hanif Mohammad and Fazal Mahmood. India will have Phadkar, Mankad, Manjekar, and Gupta. From the West Indies will come Smith, Somers, Hunte, Glichrst, Weekes, Ramadhin, Valentine, Worrell and Walcott. Eddie Fuller will be a lone South African, and Australia will have only two, Jackson and Pepper. New Zealand is unrepresented because her touring side will be in England.

HOME SOCCER FIXTURES

The following are the Home soccer fixtures for tomorrow:

First Division: Arsenal v Tottenham, Aston Villa v Chelsea, Blackpool v Wednesday, Bolton W. v West Ham, Everton v Newcastle, Leeds v Portsmouth, Leicester v Manchester C., Luton v Preston, Manchester U. v Nottingham, Sunderland v Burnley, Wolves v Birmingham.

Second Division: Barnsley v Stoke, Blackburn v Liverpool, Bristol R. v Rotherham, Derby v Grimsby, Ipswich v Middlesbrough, Lincoln v Charlton, Notts C. v York, Shrewsbury v Huddersfield, West Ham v Bristol C.

Third Division (South): Aldershot v Weymouth, Brighton v Watford, Bournemouth v Colchester, Gillingham v Accrington, Millwall v Torquay, Newport v Northampton, Plymouth v Reading, Port Vale v Southend, Queens P.R. v Crawley, Southport v Bournemouth, Swindon v Crystal Palace.

Third Division (North): Bradford C. v Tranmere, Darlington v Bury, Grimsby v Accrington, Halifax v Carlisle, Hull v Hartlepool, Mansfield v Southport, Rochdale v Oldham, Scunthorpe v Bradford, Stockport v Chesterfield, Wrexham v Darwen.

Scottish League "A": Aberdeen v Celtic, Clyde v Raith, East Fife v Arbroath, Hibernian v St Mirren, Kilmarnock v Hearts, Motherwell v Queen of Scots, Rangers v Third Lanark, Partick.

Scottish League "B": Albion v Montrose, Arbroath v Dundee, Berwick v Alloa, Brechin v Hamilton, Cowdenbeath v Dundee, Dunfermline v Stirling, East Stirling v Forfar, Stirling v Stirling.

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DEATHS

LANG—Mrs Katherine Lang, aged 64, passed in her home at 10, Gloucester Road, on February 19, 1958. Mother of the late Mr John Charles Lang. Burial at the International Funeral Parlour, Coroner's Court, on Saturday, 22nd February, for interment at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley. No flowers by request.

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THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 28th day of February to 14th day of March, 1958, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 10th Jan., 1958.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Traffic Conditions Become Chaotic

Tokyo (By Airmail)

JAPANESE place considerable emphasis on their "advancement," "culture" and the more recently acquired "democracy." They are equally proud of the beauties of the land and their own "good manners."

However, anyone who is keen to make a study of the nation and its people should take some note of the following set of figures prior to arrival in this enlightened land with its millions of courteous inhabitants.

During 1957 there were a total of 140,833 traffic accidents in Japan, according to the National Police Agency. A solid 7,578 citizens lost their lives through these while a veritable horde of 124,530 were injured. I should mention here that anyone who doesn't die at the scene of the accident doesn't rate among the attributable dead if he should pass away from his injuries on the way to the hospital, so it is safe to assume quite an addition could be made to the list of dead.

Security

Automobiles accounted for 78 per cent of the total. Tourist and other buses were involved in 153 major accidents in which 1,947 people were killed, facts which are not very conducive to a sense of security anywhere but in a hotel bar, as a visitor needs the greatest personal courage to negotiate street crossings alone ride in a bus or taxi.

One columnist scoffed at the South Polar trek of Hillary and Fuchs, swearing that neither could make the journey from the Imperial Hotel to Hibuya Park across A. Ave.—even using their factors and Sno-cats.

The shocking traffic conditions, plus the frightful noise in the cities and resort towns make the virtuous claims of the Japanese sound very hollow. The police themselves say that "lack of consideration for others" is mostly to blame for the slaughter. Yet they go nothing to correct the situation except to have an annual "Safety Week" during which period the mortality rate seems to rise even higher as the confusion is compounded by the thousands of police who basically do not know how to drive a car let alone direct those who are attempting to.

Our big "international intrigue" ended with President Soekarno walking aboard a plane all in one piece who had been standing a 24-hour guard over him and his entourage after alleged threats of assassination had been made. The "Young Colonels" departed the day previously after leading newspaper reporters a merry dance with their various statements, claims and threats—and simultaneous denials of each. But there was more than met the eye in this.

RUSSIANS MAKE ARTIFICIAL EARTHQUAKES

By ANDREW WILSON

Moscow, Feb. 20. Soviet engineers have been carrying out artificial "earthquakes" using up to 9,000 tons of explosives in a single blast.

According to the magazine, "Soviet Union," a 1,000-ton blast last month rocked seismograph needles all round the world.

And Soviet Union warns that seismograph needles will be quivering again before long. Among big bangs promised for the near future is one to throw up a dam of earth 280 feet high to block a river.

Ambitious

Another still more ambitious scheme entails laying 30,000 tons of explosives under water along four miles of river bed. The aim is to let water out of Lake Balkan to flow into the Angara River and form an artificial lake near the huge new hydro-electric scheme. Soviet engineers have now started at Bureya in Siberia. When finished it will be by far the world's largest.

Some of the recent huge blasts have been to uncover mineral deposits in Ussolsk and China. Up to a million tons of earth and rock have been lifted in a single explosion.

strange visit and we may well have the colonels back with us again to continue their rather mysterious errands.

Bedeavouring

The Socialists were still bedevilling Prime Minister Kishi in the Diet. This time it was over the reparations payments to Vietnam. Last year Japan made a large settlement with France over the issue of military scrip through the Banque de l'Indochine during Japan's occupation of the territory. The Socialists claim that any further payments to Vietnam would constitute "double indemnity" and they also raised the point that Vietnam was not specified in the latest offer. The muddled replies angered the Socialists who resorted to their favourite trick of walking out of the House.

Opinion has it that Russia's sudden refusal to discuss the question of "safe fishing" until a formal peace treaty had been signed between the two countries, was also designed to cause additional embarrassment to the Government. However, this equally had the effect of causing some differences in the ranks of the Socialists. One faction wants to sign a peace treaty with Russia and forego all claims to the disputed Kuriles chain of islands, while others insist on the Liberal-Democratic view that these should be returned to Japan.

A mission was sent to Peking to negotiate the long-delayed fourth unofficial trade agreement between China and Japan. Eldest bone of contention has been Japan's refusal to apply "diplomatic" privileges to the Chinese trade mission which is to be established here. Without such a concession, the Chinese would have to submit to fingerprinting the same as all other foreigners. "Semi-permanent" residents. A way out of this has been found by introducing a regulation which would permit aliens to remain in the country up to one year before having to be fingerprinted.

Questions

As a matter of interest, my own period of residency is nearing the end of its designated time so I obtained the forms necessary to fill in for a renewal. These now have a number of new questions to ask them. "Have you paid your taxes?" "Have you ever been convicted?" and "Are you a member of any organisation or club?" are some of the more pertinent ones. This also requires to know how much money have here and abroad. But there is a noticeable tightening up where foreigners are concerned. Some of

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Admiral's Death

Plymouth, Feb. 20. Admiral Sir Frederick Edward Collins, Royal Naval Commander in the Atlantic and temporary Governor of Gibraltar in World War II, died in hospital here on Monday. He was 74.

Photographer

New Orleans, Feb. 20. Photographer Joseph Woodson Whitlock, known throughout the world for his pictures of the Vieux Carré or New Orleans French Quarter, died here yesterday. He was 82. United Press.

From DAVID GORDON

the "old hands" are fairly convinced that however gradual it may be, a return to the pre-war attitude towards foreigners will come in time.

I well recall the days when most of us were followed wherever we went. At that time I owned a goatee beard—a positive sign in Japanese eyes, that I was a "spy." However, I enjoyed some occasional revenge by taking advantage of any sudden downpour of rain to go for a lengthy and very rapid walk. My faithful "follower" would get thoroughly soaked during such lessons. Another game was to suddenly turn into a narrow alleyway, then stop. The "follower" would then race wildly after you, and if you turned it properly, you could easily bump into him as you walked out again. Time has somewhat tempered my ardour for such amusements and I don't quite believe we will have this kind of thing again. But I do rather believe that foreigners in Japan will find themselves less welcome with the years.

Nonsensical

A sign of the times was made last Thursday by the largest gathering of members of the Foreign Correspondents Club for a "special" meeting over a point which required to be voted upon.

The Club is about to move to new and somewhat smaller premises. But the question was raised about continuing to supply space to the US Security Forces which presently have a facility in the club manned by Press Information Officers attached to the United Nations Command. Due to the presence of two ladies, adjectives were kept down to gentlemanly proportions, but

the upshot was a victory for the "Noes" and the Army goes out. Quite a number of correspondents here refuse to subject themselves to questionnaires for "accreditation" to the United Nations Command simply because that body here is an American operation and the question of "security risk" is mainly determined by charming enough but overly zealous young American officers.

It was largely on account of this nonsensical situation that the vote went the way it did. Perhaps it may be worth recounting that about one year ago a special correspondent was turned down for accreditation on "security risk" grounds. Shortly afterwards he was given the post of Press Attache at his own embassy—a position which permits him to move very freely—and without the blessings of the United Nations Command. So far as we are able to determine, everything is still "secure."

Venture

Hideki Yokoi is a man with a flair for making money and has done some remarkable milking recently including gaining control of the country's biggest department store. His latest venture was the purchase of the Koon Maru recently used as a repatriation ship and as a prison ferry between Fusan and Sasebo.

Yokoi is giving the old ship a thorough refurbishing at the cost of an additional ¥200 million and will then moor it at Tokyo's Tachibana Pier. The ship will have six restaurants, a bar, cocktail lounge, a cabaret and Turkish baths presided over by pretty young maids. There will be discreet "romance seats" on the various decks also according to the plan.

The new showboat will be open for business in April and doubtless I shall be tempted to look her over and report to you on my cruise to nowhere. However, I am firmly resolved to which I may have a comfortable life jacket and a fireproof suit—and for added safety probably get a friend to pilot the engine room whilst aboard to prevent some idiot pulling out the plug.

China Mail Entertainment Guide

WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

KING'S & PRINCESS: "The Tin Star." Henry Fonda, Anthony Perkins in a top-grade Western.
STAR & METROPOLE: "My Man Godfrey." June Allyson and David Niven in a sophisticated comedy.
LEE & ASTOR: "Let's Be Happy." Tony Martin and Vera Ellen in a rollicking musical.
ROXY & BROADWAY: "Lucky Jim." Ian Carmichael in another Boulting Brothers comedy.
HOOVER & LIBERTY: "Don't Go Near The Water." Glenn Ford and Gin Scala in a hilarious comedy.
QUEEN'S: "One Night At Moulin Rouge." A French musical.
CAPITOL: "Loving You." Elvis Presley shakes his way through another picture.
RITZ: "Picnic." William Holden and Kim Novak.
ORIENTAL: "Les Girls." Gene Kelly, Mitzzy Gaynor and Kay Kendall in Cole Porter's musical.
MAJESTIC: "Cartouche." Richard Basehart as the swordsman.

Audio And Visual Entertainment

RADIO HONGKONG
5.30 Asian Club; 6. Time Signal Popularity Poll presented by Ted Popple; 6.30 Junior Fare; 7. Time Signal; 7.10 Commentary; 7.15 Your Week-end presented by Ted Popple, including a review of the German Players Production of "A Question of Fact"; 7.30 The Sound of Music; 8. A Case for Dr. Moreau; 8.30 The Sound of Music; 9. The Sound of Music; 9.30 The Sound of Music; 10. The Sound of Music; 10.30 The Sound of Music; 11. The Sound of Music; 11.30 The Sound of Music; 12. The Sound of Music; 1. The Sound of Music; 1.30 The Sound of Music; 2. The Sound of Music; 2.30 The Sound of Music; 3. The Sound of Music; 3.30 The Sound of Music; 4. The Sound of Music; 4.30 The Sound of Music; 5. The Sound of Music; 5.30 The Sound of Music; 6. The Sound of Music; 6.30 The Sound of Music; 7. The Sound of Music; 7.30 The Sound of Music; 8. The Sound of Music; 8.30 The Sound of Music; 9. The Sound of Music; 9.30 The Sound of Music; 10. The Sound of Music; 10.30 The Sound of Music; 11. 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Government Appointments

The following postings, transfers, appointments and promotions in the various Government departments were notified in today's Government Gazette:

Legal

Mr. M. Heenan, Senior Crown Counsel, to be Acting Solicitor-General during the absence of Mr. Hooton.

Post Office

Mr. A. G. Crook, Deputy Postmaster General, to be Acting Postmaster-General as from February 20, vice Mr. L. C. Saville who is on leave prior to retirement; consequently, Mr. C. G. Folwell, Chief Postal Accountant, to be Acting Deputy Postmaster-General in addition to his substantive duties.

Police

Mr. P. J. Clough to be Assistant Superintendent of Police, on transfer from the Federation of Malaya. Mr. C. Wilcox, Senior Superintendent of Police, resumed duty on February 8 on returning from leave; consequently, Mr. A. Morrison, Superintendent, ceased to act as Senior Superintendent.

Education

Miss M. P. Taylor to be a school mistress. Mr. Andrea Magdallino to be an Education Officer as from January 9. Mr. Magdallino arrived in Hongkong on February 8.

Public Health

Dr. Chun Ngai-tung to be Medical Officer.

Public Works

Mr. G. C. Dovey to be a Building Surveyor on probation as from January 8. Mr. Dovey arrived here on February 8.

Audit

Mr. Percy Thomas Warr to be Principal Auditor on transfer from the Federation of Nigeria. The appointment was dated January 9 and Mr. Warr arrived in Hongkong on February 8.

CHINA OUSTS JAPAN FOR THIRD PLACE

London, Feb. 20. The Chinese People's Republic has now ousted Japan as the third biggest supplier to the United Kingdom of cotton grey cloth (unprocessed cloth.)

Imports of this cloth from China has now become large enough to be included in the Board of Trade's monthly statistical list and in January no less than 6.3 million square yards came from China compared with 1.2 million a year ago and only 435,000 yards two years ago.

This was not the only feature of Britain's imports in January. Imports from Hongkong reached what is believed to be the record total of 8.7 million square yards, against 5.6 million in January 1957 and 4.8 million in January 1955.

Imports of cotton grey cloth from India, too, kept well up to the average in January with a total of 13.8 million square yards, against 12.3 million a year ago and 9.5 million two years ago, but those from Japan dropped sharply to the lowest monthly total for more than a year, only 2.8 million square yards arriving in January, compared with 5.8 million a year ago and 3.1 million two years ago.

Total United Kingdom cotton grey cloth imports last month

London, Feb. 20.

were well up to the average at 33.3 million square yards, compared with 31.3 million in January last year and 20.1 million two years ago.

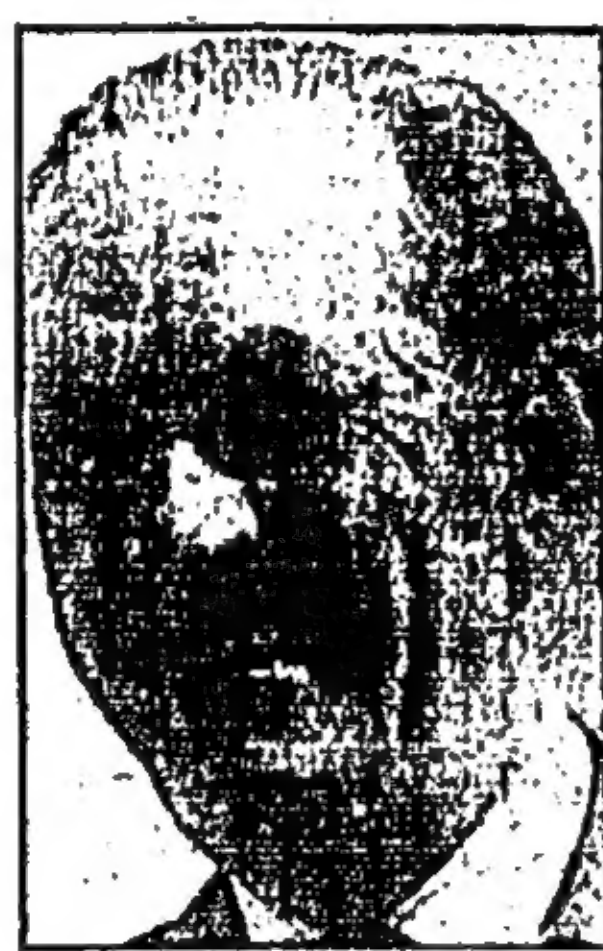
The large imports of grey cotton cloth from China supplies still another headache for the Lancashire cotton industry, which has repeatedly expressed concern over the rising imports of cloth from the Far East but it is possible that even Lancashire will be surprised at the size of the imports which get official tabulation for the first time since the war—Heuter.

Books Printed

Nearly 300 publications in Chinese for various tastes in the literary field, including translations and school textbooks were published in the last three months of last year.

These books were written, printed and published in Hongkong, according to today's Government Gazette.

Lennox-Boyd May Retire From Politics



London, Feb. 20. "Londoner" writes in the Evening Standard today "Unless the health of Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd improves shortly, I should not be surprised if he retired from politics even before the next general election."

The Colonial Secretary left London unexpectedly today for 10 days of "rest and recuperation" in Italy. "I am feeling much better now," he said at the airport, "and should be perfectly fit after this holiday." But not all of his friends are quite so optimistic. Mr Lennox-Boyd injured his shoulder in a fall last December. He has lately been in the London Clinic for a check-up.

OPEN SECRET

"Last August he had an operation for the removal of the gall bladder."

"Mr Lennox-Boyd, 53, sits in Parliament for Mid-Bedfordshire. It is an open secret that he does not mean to fight the next general election. Instead, he will turn to the affairs of the great Guinness enterprise—his wife, Lady Patricia, is a Guinness."

"Many of his associates now believe that Mr Lennox-Boyd's return to business will come sooner than he at first intended."—London Express Service.

Contractors

The Government Gazette today listed the following contractors as having been included in the contractors' register kept by the Building Authority:

Messrs Lee Fung Construction Co., of 18, Graham Street, ground floor; Messrs Leung Shing Koo Building Contractor of 26, Lan Kwai Fong, ground floor; Messrs Wah Sang Tai of 128, Kennedy Road, ground floor; and Messrs Wah Yuen Construction Co., of 18, Bonham Strand West.

New Bank

The Banque Nationale pour le Commerce et l'Industrie has been granted a licence by the Governor in Council to carry on banking business in Hongkong today's Government Gazette states.

Promotions

Sgt W. L. T. Crunden and Cpl N. Leigh-Bonnett of the Hongkong Regiment have been promoted to 2/Lieutenants as from February 8, today's Government Gazette states.

Midwives Board

Miss Lavinia Lai Man-fong was appointed a member of the Midwives Board as from March 1, vice Miss May Wong who resigned, according to today's Government Gazette.

A Chinese woman was stopped and robbed of a wrist watch by a man on the staircase at No. 18 Kimberley Street at 10 p.m. yesterday.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Exercise? Why, if I had this little car, just think of the exercise I'd get scrubbing and polishing it up!"

"A Question Of Fact" Was Not An Experiment

By JOHN LUFF

There was quite a lot of chattering as the curtain fell last night upon the first performance of the Garrison Players production of "A Question of Fact."

The word one heard bandied about was "experimental", but such is not the case. "A Question of Fact" is not an experimental play, neither is it an experiment for the Garrison Players, although they are inclined to try "safe" plays. What such members of the audience meant was, it is the first time the Garrison Players have produced a problem play and got away with it.

Lovely Lines

Now, and we have to face it, Eleanor Alderson does not get under the skin of her role. Perhaps she is too immature, but those lovely lines that would permit the audience to enter into the feelings of a young wife who is losing her husband to a spectre of ancient tragedy, are simply thrown away.

Regarding production. The pace is too slow in the beginning, in fact Roger Woodell should speed it up all round and heighten the gathering tension of the play. But I give it for what it is worth; I have not enjoyed a play so much for many a long day.

Casting

First take the casting of Mollie Crosbie. Up to now she has been typed as the cheerful housemaid. In this play she is the central figure from whom the other players pivot. In one of the best bits of theatre I have seen for a long time, the playwright holds her back for a whole scene until the audience is longing to see what the woman is like.

Miss Crosbie walks in and immediately the audience is shaken, for they have been led by the nose, as is the great British Public every Sunday morning, by the scandal papers, to expect a type. The skilful playwright is saying to you the audience, "for goodness sake think for yourselves, there is no type; this could happen to you or to your family."

On that one scene alone which was sprung upon the audience, I say the Garrison Players achieved a new high mark.

Well Cast

Margaret Higgins as Nannie, a garrulous old domestic, is well cast as is John Pirie as an old schoolmaster. Janet Howes the essentially bourgeois Nina Trafford has all the spiteful lack of charity so characteristic of suburbia, but on the other hand Victor Ladd was not strong enough in his part as her husband, where, as I saw it, the author intended that his quiet determined part should offset her petty conventional standards.

Robert Reid is a kind of Hamlet-like figure in the play, haunted by a sense of tragedy and subconscious fears he is afraid to face; his performance must be judged by what you expect from such a part. The days of great soliloquy are over. He reveals himself in snatches of conversation and bursts of

SUICIDE OF FORMER POLICEMAN

Mr. Yiu Mok, a retired Police Sub-Inspector, died of a gunshot wound in his left temple last October and at an inquest held at Kowloon Court this morning, a jury of three determined that death was due to suicide.

Evidence adduced today testified that the revolver with which the ex-Police officer shot himself on the night of October 13-14 as he was lying paralysed in his bed was a weapon licensed by the Police following the officer's retirement.

Mr. T. Creeden was the Coroner. Dr. H.M. Yuen of the Kowloon Hospital who performed the post mortem examination, said the fatal shot was fired at close range with the left hand.

HYPER-TENSION

A friend of the deceased for many years, Dr. Lam Yu-shing said Mr. Yiu Mok had been suffering from hyper-tension and following a stroke which occurred some time before his death, his right side became paralysed. He last saw the deceased on October 13 last, and the sick man was depressed.

The widow of the deceased officer, Ngan Wei-chun, said it was about 3 a.m. on October 13 when she was in the toilet that she heard the report of a gun. She rushed out and found her husband lying across his bed wounded and a revolver was on the floor close by.

Legal Submissions In Suit Against Wheelock Marden

Further legal submissions in support of the plaintiff's case were given before Mr Justice C. W. Reece in the Supreme Court this morning in the suit for \$960,000 against Wheelock, Marden and Co., Ltd, involving the motor vessel Lady Wolmer.

The amount claimed comprised the value of the ship and general damages for her alleged detainment and conversion.

The Lady Wolmer, a 1,883-ton merchantman, was stranded on May 19, 1953, off Cheju Island, near the South Korean coast, and was abandoned as a total loss on May 22.

Plaintiff is Mr Alexander Kwong, trading as Roland and Co., of 22 Tat Yee Mui Road, North Point. He is represented by Mr Brook Bernacchi and Mr Richard Winter, both instructed by Mr M. E. Ives, of Peter Mo and Co.

Wheelock, Marden and Co., Ltd, are represented by Mr John McNeill and Mr Oswald Cheung, instructed by Mr F.G. Nigel, of Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Bare Allegation

Continuing his submissions from yesterday, Mr Bernacchi contended, on the question of misrepresentation, that the only allegation of misrepresentation in the present case was the bare allegation by the defendants that there had in fact been a misrepresentation on the part of the plaintiff.

Counsel said it was not alleged either that by reason of such misrepresentation the defendants were entitled to avoid the contract. Mr Bernacchi went on to refer to a paragraph of the statement of defence, and two of its subsections, and contended that their effect was that the defendants could not legally pass the beneficial interest in the vessel to the plaintiff, and that they therefore did not do so.

Not Concerned

He maintained that the Court was not concerned in this action with what the defendants could or could not legally have done.

The plaintiff, he said, was not suing for the enforcement of the agreement; he was suing with regard to conversion in respect of the defendants' subsequent wrongful act in taking the vessel away from the plaintiff.

Mr Bernacchi submitted that a beneficial owner was just as much an owner as a registered owner, even though an agreement to transfer was not an actual transfer within the meaning of the penalty clauses of the Merchant Shipping Act.

Consequently, Counsel argued, even if it were to be said that, by reason of an alleged failure by plaintiff to incorporate the bill of sale would be illegal, either under the Merchant Shipping Act or any other enactment, that did not affect the passing of the beneficial ownership to plaintiff under the agreement coupled with the delivery.

Had No Value

Mr Bernacchi maintained that, for the reasons he had given, the paragraphs of the statement of defence he had referred to, which hinted at illegality, had no value.

He then put forward submissions on the law on damages that may be awarded in cases of conversion and detainment. Numerous legal authorities were cited.

Hearing is continuing.

DATES FOR MURDER TRIALS

The dates of hearing of two separate murder trials were fixed by the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice A. D. Scholes, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

A 44-year-old worker, Leung Kai-wing, alias Hui Kin-hung, was alleged to have murdered Ho Ah-kwan on November 25, 1957. The trial will commence on Monday, the 24th, at 10 a.m. Hearing of another murder case in which a 38-year-old unemployed man, Chan Ming, was charged to have murdered Hui Hing-wing on December 23 last year, was fixed for March 5. No pleas were taken.

The trial of a 21-year-old unemployed man, Ma Kwok-choi, accused of robbery with violence, wounding with intent and housebreaking and larceny in dwelling house, was fixed for hearing on March 5.

Ma pleaded guilty to having broken and entered the dwelling house of Cheng Tai and stolen \$110, but pleaded innocent to robbing a woman, Chan Fook-kui, with violence and also wounding her with intent to do her grievous bodily harm on November 18 last.

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